

## ***Above All Else, Guard Your Heart***

**1 Kings 2:13-46**

*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23*

### **Discernment in Guarding the Throne**

2:13-25

Adonijah knew Solomon was anointed by God, approved by David, and loved by the Israelites.

To attempt success, Adonijah asked Bathsheba to take his deceitful request to King Solomon.

Solomon discerned Adonijah's request for Abishag as an attempt to steal the throne.

Solomon sent a loyal man named Benaiah to execute Adonijah for the attempted coup.

### **Wisdom in Guarding the Throne**

2:26-35

In his great wisdom, Solomon knew Adonijah had two co-conspirators, Abiathar and Joab.

Because Abiathar was a high priest, Solomon sentenced him to house arrest instead of death.

By expelling Abiathar from his priestly duties, Solomon fulfilled God's prophecy.

As a murderer, Joab wrongfully sought asylum by holding the horns of the Brazen Altar.

Solomon wisely followed King David's deathbed instructions concerning Joab and had him executed.

### **Vigilance in Guarding the Throne**

2:36-46

Shimei was related to King Saul, known for cursing David, and a potential troublemaker for Solomon.

King Solomon initially sentenced Shimei to house arrest in Jerusalem instead of putting him to death.

Shimei managed to obey for three years, but then he disobeyed by leaving Jerusalem.

With vigilance, King Solomon learned of Shimei's disobedience and sentenced him to death.

### ***Guard Your Heart***

***Pray for discernment to recognize \_\_\_\_\_ that lead to disobedience.***

***Seek God's wisdom in His Word and \_\_\_\_\_ His commands.***

***With vigilance, guard against any \_\_\_\_\_ that threatens your peace.***

## **The Splendid Reign of Solomon – 1 Kings 2:13-46**

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**PSALMS 119:2-6** Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22** And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**MATTHEW 26:41** “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**1 KINGS 2:5-6** “Moreover, you also know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner the son of Ner, and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, avenging in time of peace for blood that had been shed in war, and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist and on the sandals on his feet. Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace.”

**MARK 9:43-47** And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell.

**1 PETER 5:8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.