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SERMON OUTLINE 7/11/10

BIBLE PASSAGE: *I Kings 2:1-4*

TITLE: “INSTRUCTIONS FOR GODLINESS”

INTRO: I Kings chapter two is David commissioning his son Solomon to take the throne. David is on his death bed and will not last much longer. In chapter one of I Kings we have the story of Adonijah who presumes to be king even though David has promised the reign to go to Solomon. We see that Nathan and Solomon’s mother Bathsheba go to King David and tell him of Adonijah’s actions and ask the king to hold true to his promise to make Solomon king in his stead. So David takes an oath that he will hold true to his word and that Solomon would be king. This brings us to our current story, David’s instructions to Solomon on how to be a godly king.

PROPOSITION: God has given us instructions for living a godly life in His Word. What are you doing with them?

I. AN EXPRESSION OF ENCOURAGEMENT, *I Kings 2:2*.

A. Leaders typically exhorted their successors, for example:

1. Moses to _____, *Deuteronomy 31:7-8*.
2. Joshua to the _____ of Israel, *Joshua 23:5-6*.
3. Samuel to all of _____, *I Samuel 12*.

B. Paul did the same for Timothy.

1. *I Timothy 4:12-16*-Look at the similarities between Paul’s words to Timothy and David’s words to Solomon.

These words of encouragement apply to us as well as God calls us in His word to be ministers of reconciliation.

II. AN EXPRESSION OF ADMONISHMENT, *I Kings 2:2-3a*.

To admonish means simply to teach or warn. David gave Solomon the how of being a Godly ruler.

- A. Walk in his _____-So how do you walk in the ways of God?
 - 1. In truth (*I Kings 2:4b*)-consider *Psalm 1:1-2*.
 - 2. With all your heart (*I Kings 2:4b*)-Consider *Proverbs 3:3-7*.
- B. Keep His _____-This means His law.
 - 1. Consider *Psalm 19:7-11*.
 - 2. Compare with *I Kings 2:3*.
 - a. Commandments.
 - b. Statues
 - c. Judgments
 - d. Testimonies
 - 3. If we obey we have a promise of:
 - a. Warning-Admonishment.
 - b. Reward-A close walk with God.

III. AN EXPRESSION OF PROMISE, *I Kings 2:3b-4*.

Solomon's obedience determined whether he would be a godly king or not. Our obedience determines how and how much God chooses to use us to further His kingdom.

- A. Obedience=_____ *Luke 12:13-31; John 10:10*.
 - 1. Not wealth, health, and prosperity.
 - 2. Joy and happiness in _____ that I am His and He is mine.
- B. Obedience=_____ *Psalm 23:1-4; Proverbs 3:5-6*.
- C. Obedience=_____ *Revelation 3:7-13*.
 - 1. The promises made here were regarding the _____ Covenant.
 - 2. We are also promised that God will fulfill His word concerning us if we will trust and obey Him.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Salvation?
- 2. Do you want true happiness and joy in your life Christian? Then obedience is the key.