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**1 KINGS 2:1-4 & 10-11**

## A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

David was getting older and as per God's command, he anointed Solomon to be the next king. Before he died, David gave Solomon some commands and advice. He instructed Solomon to obey God's commandments and walk in God's ways faithfully.

David was known as the man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). The Bible mentions about David's successes as well as his failures. He was not perfect. However, no matter how many times he failed God, David's heart always inclined towards God. He had a deep desire to obey God and to do everything God wanted him to do. He pursued God. He was a man after God's own heart because he had an absolute faith in God.

When he fell into sins, he quickly repented instead of finding excuses. When he was facing his punishment, he worshipped God instead of grumbling. When he was in distress, he cried out to God with praises instead of cursing God.

David's legacy is so simple yet powerful. It is all about obeying God's heart. May David's legacy become your daily life reminder.

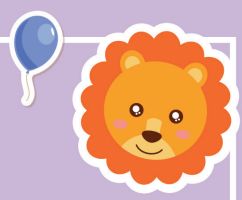
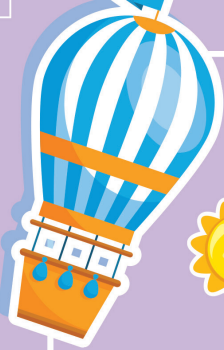
**Key verse:**

*Acts 13:22  
I have found David son of Jesse, a man after My own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.*

**Prayer**

*Dear God, may my heart seek You in every season of my life and help me to be aligned always with Your heart.*





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**1 KINGS 3:1-14**

## WISDOM COMES FROM GOD

One night while Solomon was sleeping, God talked to him through his dream. God asked him what he wanted and God would give it to him. Solomon humbly asked for wisdom so that he could rule the Israelites wisely and to know what was right and what was wrong in God's eyes.

God was so pleased with this request because instead of asking for something for his own satisfaction, Solomon requested for something that he would use to help other people. God did not only give him wisdom, but He also gave him great wealth and fame because of his unselfishness. The Bible tells us that Solomon is known as the wisest man ever lived on earth.

Wisdom is not just about knowledge or intelligence. Wisdom is about knowing how to make good choices based on learning and experiences or to make good judgements. God is the greatest and the best source of wisdom.

Just like Solomon, with God's wisdom upon you, you will make the right decisions in your daily life. If you feel confused, come to God and ask for wisdom on how to handle your situation.

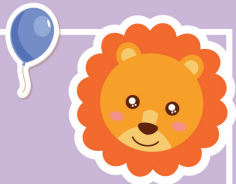
**Key verse:**

*James 1:5  
But if any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. God is generous. He enjoys giving to all people, so God will give you wisdom.*

**Prayer**

*Dear God, give me wisdom in every decision I need to make and in every challenge I have to face.  
Amen.*





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**1 KINGS 5:1-12**

## BE RESPECTFUL

It had been the desire of David to build a temple of worship for God. However, God had told David that the one who would build the temple was his son. After David passed away, Solomon wanted to fulfill it.

One day, Solomon told this plan to King Hiram, David's friend, and requested for some cedar and cypress logs from him. Hiram gladly fulfilled Solomon's request. In return, Solomon provided good and plenty of food for King Hiram's household year by year. The two kings had a mutual agreement based on respect. King Hiram was willing to help Solomon because he respected Solomon as much as he had respected King David, Solomon's father.

Respect comes from seeing others the way God sees them. Respect is something that you have earned and deserve. When you show respect, you receive respect. Being respectful builds trust and a good relationship. We should show respect to whom it is due as through this you can show God's love.

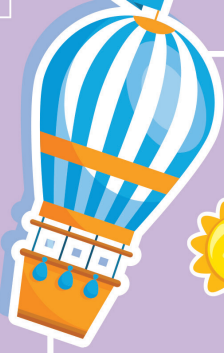
**Key verse:**

*1 Peter 2:17  
Show respect for all people. Love the brothers and sisters of God's family. Respect God. Honor the king.*

**Prayer**

*Dear God, help me to be respectful to others so that they can see Your love in me. Amen.*





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2 KINGS 6:11-22

## YOUR BODY IS GOD'S TEMPLE

Solomon started to build the temple of God. It was 480 years after the Israelites were freed from Egypt! The temple was carefully drafted and built. The materials chosen were from the best trees and stones. The outside and inside of the temple were beautiful beyond description and covered in gold, silver and bronze. It was so huge and majestic.

It took 7 years for Solomon to complete it. Solomon sacrificed so much time, money and energy to build the temple of God because it was a holy place for worshipping God.

Your body is the temple of God. Just like Solomon building the temple with so much love, God also created your body with precision. Your body, mind and heart are fearfully and wonderfully crafted by God.

This is why you have to take care of your body. Do not neglect God's temple. Eat healthy food, exercise regularly, keep your heart clean and focus on God. Just like how it is for the temple of God, let only holy things enter your body. Remove all the junks and bad habits that are polluting your body and your life.

### Key verse:

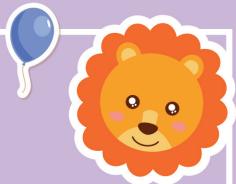
*1 Corinthians  
6:19*

*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, You have created me wonderfully and fearfully. I want to treat my body as Your temple where only healthy and holy things are allowed to be. Amen.*





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**1 KINGS 10:1-13**

## BE CURIOUS ABOUT GOD

There was a queen from Sheba who heard about Solomon and everything about him. She was so curious that she came down to Jerusalem just to meet with Solomon. She asked so many questions that she had on her mind and Solomon answered all of her questions as if there was nothing that was too difficult for him.

She had seen with her own eyes the temple of God, Solomon's palace, his wisdom and everything around him. She was so impressed. Solomon's wisdom and prosperity far exceeded his fame of which she had heard.

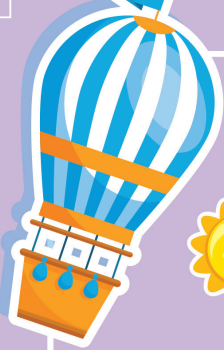
May you be curious about God' word as the queen of Sheba was about King Solomon. When you are curious about someone, you will try to find out about the person. How do you find out more about God? By reading the Bible.

But finding out only is not sufficient. Like the Queen of Sheba who came to meet King Solomon personally, let's also experience God's love personally by praying and reading His words. The more time you spend with God, the more goodness and truth He will reveal to answer your curiosity about Him.

**Key verse:**  
*Psalm 25:14  
 The Lord  
 confides in  
 those who fear  
 Him; He makes  
 His covenant  
 known to them.*

**Prayer**  
*Dear God, I want  
 to know You more  
 and experience  
 the wonder of  
 Your works.  
 Amen.*





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## 1 KINGS 11:1-13

# GUARD YOUR HEART

As the wealthiest and most powerful person at his time, Solomon had everything. Sadly, at the later point of his life, Solomon was influenced by some people who did not love God. These people worshiped false gods and because of them Solomon's heart was turned away from God. Solomon built many temples for the false gods. Not only this, he also worshipped the false gods. He turned away from God because he didn't guard his heart. He had disobeyed God's commandment.

Even the wisest man can be deceived and fall into the temptation of sin. It is disheartening to see someone who has been blessed greatly by God yet turns his heart away from God. It is very important to always guard your heart from the evil things. It means you have to guard your feeling, thought, attitude and your will from sins and to take control of them.

Guarding your heart means staying away from sin and staying close to the love of God. When God fills most of the space in your heart, you will think right and do right according to His words. Guard your heart with the word of God.

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

**Prayer**  
*Dear God, help  
 me to guard my  
 heart from the  
 temptations of  
 sin. I want to do  
 Your will. Amen.*





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**1 KINGS 12:1-14**

## PRIDE AND ARROGANCE

After Solomon passed away, his son named Rehoboam became the king. Some people came to Rehoboam and requested for their workload to be lightened. Rehoboam said he would get back to them with an answer in 3 days. In the meantime, Rehoboam asked for some advice from the wise elders in his kingdom. They suggested him to give a kind answer to the people and to grant their wish. However, Rehoboam rejected the wise advice from the elders.

Then he turned to his young friends for advice and they suggested him to speak harshly to the people and make their workload even heavier. He chose to listen to the youngsters. He wanted to show the people that he was more powerful than his father, Solomon. He was so arrogant and prideful.

Being arrogant is having an extreme form of pride about yourself. Being arrogant and prideful is a sin. Eventually, an arrogant person may think that he is better than God. He tends to forget that God is the one who created him and gave him the talents and abilities. Arrogance and pride will destroy us, thus let's be humble.

**Key verse:**

*Proverbs 16:18  
Pride leads to destruction. A proud attitude brings ruin.*

**Prayer**

*Dear God, forgive my arrogance and pride. I want to guard my mind and heart from pride by acknowledging You in all of my ways. Amen.*

