

“Set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise therefore and build...”
(1 Chronicles 22.19)

Biblical Leadership: what does God require?

- *LEADERS* who fear God & turn away from evil (Ex 18.21), above reproach (1 Tim 3.2), not lovers of money (Titus 1.7), servant-humble leaders (John 13), stewards of God's grace (1 Cor 4.1-2), courageous (Josh 1), those who do not live to please men (Gal 1.10), those who follow & obey God (Deut 17:18-20); indeed, those who live lives as an example to follow (Phil 3.17).

Rehoboam's life and kinship could be summarized as: 'half-hearted' leadership (2 Chron 12:14)

THESIS — Working through this chapter, we'll observe a **bad template of leadership from King Rehoboam. We'll see it in a few ways.**

I. THE DOMINATION OF REHOBOAM (1-4)

- The point here is: *domineering leadership*

II. THE DEVOTION OF REHOBOAM (5-12)

- The point here is: *distracted devotion*

III. THE DEFILEMENT OF REHOBOAM (13-17)

- The point here is: *defiled worship*

- Beginning with Jeroboam in the North (v.14-17) (especially v.15)
- Also see Rehoboam in the South (cf 1 Kings 14:21-24)

Amidst all the sin, rebellion, pride, and folly of REHOBOAM , we see SHOWERS of God’s grace and blessing that falls upon the nation, upon the king, and upon the people IN SPITE of their sin and rebellion. (This is the *common grace of God!*)

IV. THE DISOBEDIENCE OF REHOBOAM (18-23)

- The point here is: *deliberate disobedience*

In the Scriptures, GOD tell us that that leaders should be...

1. Men of the Word – reading, studying, meditating, obeying (1 Timothy 4; 2 Timothy 3-4)
2. Singularity devoted to his wife (godly home life) (Titus 1; 1 Timothy 3)
3. Above reproach in integrity & conduct & speech (James 3)
4. Humble, a selfless leader, committed to serving others for their good (1 Peter 5 & Acts 20)
5. With gentleness, correcting those who disagree; not angry, not a bully but patient (2 Timothy 2; Titus 1)

V.16 - a glimmer of hope

What we learn about Levites: (Neh 8.9 - to teach the people; cf. 2 Chron 35.3)

1. the **CONGREGATION** of worshipers (those from all the tribes of Israel)
2. the **SEEKING** of GOD (seeking the LORD GOD OF ISRAEL)
3. the **HEARTFELT WORSHIP** of God (Set their hearts)
4. the **LEADERS** of the worshipers (followed/came after the Levites)
5. the **LOCATION** of worship (to Jerusalem)
6. the **BIBLICAL** worship that took place (to sacrifice to the Lord God)
7. the **HISTORICAL CONTINUITY** of worship (of their fathers)

In Chronicles, to seek God marries 3 elements together:

1. *Earnestness* (with your passion/desiring/hungry/passionate)
2. *Constancy* (at all times)
3. *Genuinely* (from the heart)

Biblically, to “seek God” refers to one who *earnestly* pursues God with *constancy* and *genuineness* from the heart.

‘Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies! [Tune: The Doxology]

’Tis finished! the Messiah dies!
Cut off for sins, but not his own;
Accomplished is the sacrifice;
The great redeeming work is done.

’Tis finished, all my guilt and pain.
I want no sacrifice beside.
For me, for me the Lamb was slain,
And I’m for ever justified.

Finished our vile transgression is,
And purged the guilt of all our sin;
And everlasting righteousness
Is brought, for all his people, in.

Sin, death, and hell are now subdued;
All grace is now to sinners given;
And lo! I plead the atoning blood,
For pardon, holiness, and heaven.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my
power.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul’s Shelter, Thou my high Tower:

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.