

Kingly Conduct

God Made You a Man

- He made a choice with privileges ... and duties.
- The order: God – Christ – the man – the woman.
- Leaders: God chose you to lead in various roles.
- Example: You, most of all, are to show godliness.
- Manhood: The confident zeal to lead and teach.

Men as Kings (1)

- We are sons of God and should act so (Phil 2:14-15).
- Jesus made us all kings and priests to God (Rev 1:6).
- This is not an issue of authority ... but of character.
- We want the grace and glory of Christ shining thru.
- Will you hear the lesson and remember it always?

Men as Kings (2)

- Jesus is coming soon! How will He find you?
- What manner of person will you be in that day?
- You must be at peace, without spot, and blameless.
- There are reasons to raise your character/conduct.
- The consequences are real ... your future is now.

Three Basic Rules

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved” (I Cor 10:31-33).

#1: Everything you say and do should be to God's glory.

#2: Everything you say and do should not offend others.

#3: Everything you say and do is to convert sinners.

Kingly Conduct (1)

“All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee” (II Sam 24:23).

- Araunah was a Jebusite from the former Jebus.
- He was kingly by his gracious liberality to David.
- He was kingly further by his blessing to David.

Kingly Conduct (2)

“And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed” (Ge 32:28).

- Jacob, afraid for his life, took it to the LORD.
- He was a prince for personal fervency in prayer.
- How did he have power with God ... and men?

Kingly Conduct (3)

“And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow” (1 Chron 4:9).

- The Holy Spirit notes superior character in men.
- Jabez was better than his brothers, like David.
- We know little ... but his prayer was granted!

Kingly Conduct (4)

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11).

- The Holy Spirit notes superior character in men.
- Men of Berea were better than men of Thessalonica.
- They heard preaching readily and checked it by Bible.

Kingly Conduct (5)

“The king’s favour is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is against him that causeth shame” (Pr 14:35).

- Kingly judgment rewards the righteous and wise.
- But he judges and punishes fools and sinners.
- He never shows respect of persons in judgment.

Kingly Conduct (6)

“A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment” (Pr 16:10).

- Kingly judgment does not allow for any inequity.
- You represent God in your family – do it godly.
- How will you justify yelling about nothing?

Kingly Conduct (7)

“In the light of the king’s countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain” (Pr 16:15).

- King’s are full of benevolence to those worthy.
- And God determines who is worthy, not you.
- Do wife and children know your life and favor?

Kingly Conduct (8)

“Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy” (Pr 20:28).

- Are you known well for mercy and truth?
- Your position is upheld by mercy, not wrath.
- Kings need to love mercy more than anyone else.

Kingly Conduct (9)

“He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend” (Pr 22:11).

- We have only used this verse for the gracious man.
- Kings by nobility want noble men around them.
- Are you a lover of good men and avoid the rest?

Kingly Conduct (10)

“Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness” (Pr 25:5).

- We hate lobbyists and others that influence rulers.
- But who do you allow to influence your judgment.
- Your friends reveal your character ... *birds of a ...*

Kingly Conduct (11)

“The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever” (Pr 29:14).

- A faithful king helps those unable to fight or pay.
- God and men will bless such a king with honor.
- Who are the poor for you? Your wife? Children?

Most Men Are Peasants

- Their fathers, if they had one, were not kingly.
- They did not see gracious, noble, princely men.
- Their selfish, sinful nature was never corrected.
- They never got a vision of living above the herd.
- They fall into patterns dictated by a losing world.

We Have Noble Privileges!

- God graciously gave us divine power for all things.
- God shows us His perfect character as our Father.
- We have examples of Jesus, David, Paul, others.
- The Bible gives instruction, wisdom, warnings, etc.
- We have a church with men and nights like tonight.

Be a Prince (1)

- Do not dress yourself or family down to our world.
- Always think about others rather than yourself.
- Think about giving rather than getting anything.
- Be a leader in life, not a follower e.g. volunteer, do.
- Kings cannot be moody, sullen, withdrawn, etc.

Be a Prince (2)

- Rule your spirit strictly – be a king that takes a city.
- Kings rule wine – be temperate (Prov 31:4-5; Rom 14:22).
- Kings rule food – be temperate (Eccl 10:16-17).
- Domineering men are not kings – wife/children.
- Kings speak wisely – not filthy, foolish, or jesting.

Be a Prince (3)

- Kings put away childish things at what age ... 12.
- Kings are sober ... starting in youth ... and lasting!
- Kings are liberal and generous, like Araunah.
- Is your wife with you by fear of God or love of you?
- Why did even Philistines crave to be with David?

Be a Prince (4)

- The house of Stephanas was addicted to what?
- Your wife's spirituality may reflect your leading.
- Do you treat your wife as a delicate, female deer?
- Do kings use tongues to slice or a tree of life?
- What personal habits are more of a crude brute?

Be a Prince (5)

- If you do not make 2x age? Would a king adjust?
- Do noble kings secure realm deficits or surpluses?
- Do kings excuse bad conduct or change it to good?
- Athletes are temperate in all things, what of kings?
- Does your credit score show a trustworthy king?

Be a Prince (6)

- Are your children servants? If not, why not?
- Is your wife afraid of you? Not reverence, but fear?
- Do you say, *That's just the way I am*, if confronted?
- Should kings read scripture (De 17:18-20)? Do you?
- Is your house, garage, and cars clean like a king's?

Be a Prince (7)

- Should a king obey every ordinance of man?
- How often should words be a sword or health?
- Should a king do right to another King's daughter?
- Are you a liberal king in entertainment/hospitality?
- Do you rule anger, speech, body language well?

Be a Prince (8)

- Is your wife fulfilled and thrilled with intimacy?
- Do your sons have transferable skills for 2x or so?
- Are you the most diligent/faithful employee?
- Have you resolved any/all conflicts in the church?
- Are you at peace in all relationships in your life?

Be a Prince (9)

- Kings are always circumspect ... seeing all angles.
- Kings are forward thinking ... not living for today.
- Kings are always conventional, appropriate, etc.
- Princely husbands do not leave all to their wives.
- Princely decorum, especially in public, is crucial.

Conclusion

- We have a high calling as God's sons, kings, priests.
- God, Christ, kingdom, truth, church, family convict.
- Nobility at home is the greatest challenge to you.
- Everything you do can be foolish, cheap, or kingly.
- Three rules ... God's glory, no offence, save souls.

For Further Study

- Mighty Man's Life
- Great Men in Public
- Traits of Great Men
- David's Mighty Men
- Great Women and Men
- Godly Traits of Great Men ("C" Study)
- Greatness By a Great Cause
- Role of the Man
- Patriarchy – Where Are the Men?
- A Man's Heart
- Elihu for Young Men
- Greatness in the Sight of God
- A Good Name
- Christ-Like Men
- Grow Up!
- Men Growing Up
- Growing Up in Christ
- Heart of David
- Three Choices for Living
- Pastoral Combine
- Duty, Honor, Sacrifice
- Is There Not a Cause?
- Spiritual Champions
- Keeping Your Heart
- All Men Are Not Equal