



Live with the End in Mind

Scripture: 1 Kings 1-11

Sermon Points:

1. When we obey God's Word and follow his plan, we build a life of meaning and leave an eternal legacy.
2. When we ignore God's Word and follow our own desires, we build a life of regret and leave a disaster.

Application:

- There is no substitute for obedience.
- We live on God's timeline.
- The most important moment of your life will be when you stand before your Maker.

Group Opener:

When you think about King Solomon, what comes to mind? Do you see him as a good king or a bad king? Why?

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between an unconditional promise and a conditional promise? (See 1 Kings 9:1-9, Romans 10:9-13) Do you feel that sometimes we justify our lack of obedience with the notion that we are already forgiven and going to heaven so what we do really doesn't matter?
2. What was the sin that brought down Solomon's kingdom and destroyed his legacy? (See 1 Kings 11:1-12) What area of obedience to you struggle with and what warning do you take from Solomon's life?
3. Solomon wrote his memoirs in the book of Ecclesiastes. Read his final instructions in chapter Eccl. 12:13-14.

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter:

Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

If you were to heed Solomon's advice, what implications would that have on your life?