**AN INHERITANCE THAT MATTERS**

**I Kings 2:1-4**

**1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,
2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;
3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:
4 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*David had riches galore, and it’s proven in the Bible.**

**I Chronicles 29:28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.**

**\*\*When David died, he was not concerned about passing on his material riches or fortune to his son Solomon.**

**\*\*David was very concerned about passing on a Spiritual inheritance and riches that this world knows nothing about.**

**\*\*Upon David’s death, he calls for his son Solomon in order to charge him and give him he’s last will and testament concerning spiritual things.**

**Illustration: Many people worry about laying up treasures on this earth to pass on to their loved ones when they die. Very few are laying up Spiritual treasures to pass onto their loved ones. What are you leaving behind Spiritually for your children and grandchildren to have and to hold once you are gone?**

**Many people when their loved ones die will fight over even small material fortunes to get their fair share or even more than their part. However, not many are lining up to get the Spirit-filled heritage that their parents and grandparents had in their lives.**

**\*\*I want to encourage you to get a hold of the powerful Spirit-filled heritage of the Lord and don’t ever let it go!**

**\*\*As David is dying, he never mention riches, fortune, or material things. He charges his son Solomon and passes onto him a testament. This testament is not about wealth but it is all about spiritual things.**

**\*\*Let me tell you how you need to inherit the spiritual things of God that people before us in this church passed along for our inheritance.**

**I. INHERIT SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH STRONG DETERMINATION**

 **I Kings 2:2 be thou strong therefore**

**\*\*We have too many weak Christians in this day and even in our churches. They’re not even strong enough to stay faithful to coming to church.**

**\*\*We see God’s choice men encouraging those after them to be strong in the Lord.**

**Deuteronomy 31:7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.**

**Joshua 10:25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.**

**\*\*What must we be strong in?**

 **A. Be Strong and Seek**

 **1. Seek for the Savior**

 **2. Seek for the Spirit**

 **3. Seek for the Scriptures**

 **B. Be Strong and Stay**

 **1. Stay Close to Christ**

 **2. Stay Close to Christians**

 **3. Stay Close to Church**

 **C. Be Strong and Serve**

 **1. Let your service be Honorable**

 **2. Let your service be Honest**

 **3. Let your service be Humble**

**\*\*Let us have a strong determination to be invincible until the Lord has finish His work in our lives.**

**II. INHERIT SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SCRIPTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**II Kings 2:3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:**

**\*\*You can inherit spiritual things only after you are born again and are a child of God!**

**\*\*The way you inherit what is yours as a child of God is to dig into the Word of God!**

 **A. Study in the Word of God to get your Inheritance**

**II Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

 **1. Make it the most Important Thing in your life.**

 **2. Make it the most Influential Thing in your life.**

 **B. Search in the Word of God to get your Inheritance**

**John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**

 **1. Dig into the Word of God and search through it.**

 **2. Dive into the Word of God and search through it.**

 **C. Saturate in the Word of God to get your Inheritance**

**Acts 17:11 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.**

 **1. You can Soak in Great Riches in God’s Word.**

 **2. You can Stay in Great Rewards in God’s Word.**

**\*\*Scriptural Development will bring a great inheritance!**

**III. INHERIT SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL DUTY**

**I Kings 2:3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies,**

 **A. It is our Spiritual Duty to Keep His Word**

**Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**

**\*\*There’s a great big inheritance for those who do their duty and keep the commands and the word of the Lord even when . . .**

 **1. It doesn’t please the People**

 **2. It doesn’t please the Political**

 **3. It doesn’t please the Perverse**

 **B. It is our Spiritual Duty to Keep His Work
Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

 **1. Make sure your work for God is Assessable**

 **2. Make sure your work for God is Acceptable**

**\*\*There is a great inheritance for those who are children of God that work for the King!**

 **C. It is our Spiritual Duty to Keep His Will**

**Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

 **1. Inheritance comes by staying in the Proven Will of God.**

 **2. Inheritance comes by staying in the Perfect Will of God.**

**IV. INHERIT SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SINCERE DEVOTION**

**I Kings 2:4 If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.**

**\*\*If your devotion is sincere, then
 A. You Will Be Rewarded in this Inheritance**

**Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

 **1. This Reward will be of the greatest Wonder**

 **2. This Reward will be of the greatest Worth**

**\*\*All the wonders and worth that this world offers will not matter anymore!**

 **B. You Will Be Rejoicing in this Inheritance**

**Luke 6:23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven:**

 **Illustration: I’ve seen people on television and on stages suddenly win or be awarded millions of dollars instantly. This would cause them to react with great emotions such as crying, shouting, leaping, and running. However, those riches only last for a season. Just wait until you and I get our inheritance from the Lord! Oh how will we react?**

 **1. We may be taking a Leap or Two while we rejoice!**

 **2. We may be taking a Lap or Two while we rejoice!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*There is an inheritance from to be gotten from the Spirit-filled people who have gone on before us, and there is an inheritance to be gotten from the Lord!**

**1. Through Strong Determination I want to get the Inheritance.**

**2. Through Scriptural Development I want to get the Inheritance.**

**3. Through Spiritual Duty I want to get the Inheritance.**

**4. Through Sincere Devotion I want to get the Inheritance.**

**\*\*If you only knew what the Lord had for you, you would have a greater zeal to serve the Lord!**

**\*\*I want what King David had to pass onto us, and I want what the Lord has in store for me – don’t you?**

**\*\*If you do, come and commit and re-commit yourself to doing what you must to get what David had to pass down and what the Lord wants to give to you!**