

REHOBAM CHOOSES BAD COUNSEL

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1 KINGS 12:1-17

Introduction

1. Listen to Your _____.
2. _____ Your _____.
3. Collect a Group of _____.
4. Keep an _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

- 1 . Describe one of the worst decisions you ever made. How might you have avoided this misstep?
- 2 . Generally speaking, what are the books of I and II Kings about and why were they written? How does this theme apply to our lives?
- 3 . What do you learn about getting good counsel from the following verses? Proverbs 12:15, 13:10; 15:22; 27:9.
- 4 . Read I Kings 11:26-28, 40. Why had Jeroboam been on the run? Read I Kings 12:1-4. What was Jeroboam's advice for Rehoboam? Was this good or bad advice? Explain.
- 5 . What are some of the ways that we discredit the feedback of our critics? Why listen? Describe a time when you got good advice from a critic. When is a critic's feedback not helpful?
- 6 . Read I Kings 12: 5, 6. What wise step did Rehoboam take in v.5? Why is this a good practice when making an important decision (multiple reasons)?
- 7 . Read I Kings 12:6, 7. What's the next wise step that Rehoboam took? Who are the people you go to for wise advice and what makes each of them a good sounding board? Could you use an extra advisor or two? Explain. Why is it a good idea to seek out Christ followers as advisors?
- 8 . Read I Kings 12:8-11, 13-15. Why do you think Rehoboam rejected the counsel of the "elders" and followed the counsel of the "young men" (multiple reasons)? How can you distinguish between good counsel and bad counsel?
- 9 . Read I Kings 12:16-19. What were the results of Rehoboam's bad decision? What might be some of the results of a bad decision that you make?
10. What 3 or 4 lessons do you learn from this story about getting counsel? How might the motivation of a Christ follower for seeking good counsel differ from that of an unbeliever?

PRAYER PROMPT: Seeking Wise Counsel. Is there a situation in your life that involves a decision that needs to be made? Take a few minutes and write down the details. Thank God for wisdom and grace, and then offer your decision to God and ask for discernment. Spend a few minutes praying silently and see what stirs in your heart. Then, with a partner, share the details you wrote down. Pray for each other regarding the decision, asking God for insight, wisdom, and discernment. Take notice of any promptings that arise during your prayer time.