

Message #58

Proverbs 16:10-15

The first king of Israel was Saul, the second was David, and the third was Solomon.

LEADERSHIP IS VERY IMPORTANT AND VERY ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD AND BOTH THE LEADER AND PEOPLE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THIS IMPORTANT REALITY.

MESSAGE #1 – Things God wants the king to know. **16:10-12**

Matter #1 - A king has great responsibility in making decisions. **16:10**

The words “divine sentence” refers to an oracle that is divinely cut. This language describes the weight behind the decisions that a king must make. The second clause in the verse explains that the king must make sure that he does not act in any faithless or treacherous manner in making certain that his judgments are right and lawful.

Matter #2 - A king has great responsibility in business activity. **16:11**

Solomon wanted leaders to understand that God is the author of commercial activity and wants it honest and fair. Weights and bags of weights were used for weighing objects and determining monetary value.

Matter #3 - A king has a responsibility in lifestyle. **16:12**

Leaders have a responsibility to live a disciplined life of righteousness. Leaders have the potential to live a life of wickedness. The leader who chooses to take advantage of his position and live a wicked life is detestable to God.

MESSAGE #2 – Things God wants the people to know. **16:13-15**

Fact #1 - A king loves godly speech. **16:13**

The word “delight” is a word which means to take great pleasure in something and the word “loved” means to breathe after, to deeply love. No one will ever impress the King of Kings by dishonesty.

Fact #2 - A king’s wrath may be appeased. **16:14**

In Solomon’s day, literally a king could pronounce death, but his wrath could be pacified by going straight to him and confessing failure.

Fact #3 - A king’s favor may be gained. **16:15**

Just as the wrath of a king can bring death, so the favor of the king can lead to life.