

Passing The Baton (I Kings 2)

Succession planning is the strategy for passing on leadership roles, and often the ownership of a company, to an employee or group of employees. (Investopedia)

Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. II Tim 4:2 NLT

Walk with God (1-4)

2 When David's time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, ² "I am about to go the way of all the earth.

Be strong, and show yourself a man, 1-2

This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
Josh 1:9 NLT

³ and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn, 3

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. Josh 1:8 NLT

⁴ that the LORD may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel. 4

Deal Wisely with People (5-9)

Joab

⁵ “Moreover, you also know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner the son of Ner, and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, avenging in time of peace for blood that had been shed in war, and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist and on the sandals on his feet. 5

⁶ Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace. 6

Barzillai

⁷ But deal loyally with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for with such loyalty they met me when I fled from Absalom your brother. 7

⁸ And there is also with you Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Mahanaim. But when he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, ‘I will not put you to death with the sword.’⁹ Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man. You will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down with blood to Sheol.” 8-9

So the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon. I Kings 2:46b

David’s Death (10-11)

¹⁰ Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David
¹¹ And the time that David reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.
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Application

Are you walking with God?

It is about relationship

It is about communication

It involves going the same direction

What are you passing on to others?

Walk with Jesus

Love People well

Live well by focusing on the eternal

Persevere in the midst of difficulty

Suffer well

Be intentional

¹⁹ “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Mt. 6:19-21 NLT

Finish well

Take Away

What one step can you take to walk with God this week?

When will you take some time to think about what you are passing on to others?