

A Tale of 3 Kings



Taking Our Own Advice

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Steps to Live Wisely

1. Surround Yourself with _____

*"The righteous choose their friends carefully,
but the way of the wicked leads them astray."*

Proverbs 12:26 NIV

*"Walk with the wise and become wise;
associate with fools and get in trouble."*

Proverbs 13:20 NLT

2. Take Time Every Day to Read the Bible, Meditate and Pray

"When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees..."

Deuteronomy 17:18-19 NIV

3. Don't Be Distracted by _____

"Escape the corruption that is in the world by loving the world and putting away the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life."

1 John 2:15-16

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14 NIV

4. Know There's a _____ in the End

King Solomon's Payoff

*"Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done
and what I had toiled to achieve,
everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;
nothing was gained under the sun."*

Ecclesiastes 2:11 NIV

Apostle Paul's Payoff

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV

5. Always _____ in Your Life

*"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."*

Ecclesiastes 12:13 NIV

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions:

1. Describe a time when you didn't take your own advice. What was the result?
2. What advice would you give to yourself at this time that would honor God?