

A GODLY LEADER IS LED BY GOD'S WORD

Family Devotion — Lesson 60

MEMORY VERSE — 2 CHRONICLES 7:16

“For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.”

- God told Solomon that the house (temple) was chosen and sanctified. This meant it was set apart as a special place of worship as God's name was proclaimed there. It was also special because God would watch over it, and His heart would be there.
- When Solomon became king of Israel, God wanted him to lead the people as he followed God's word. “And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; 18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. 19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations” (2 Chron. 7:17-20).
- A godly leader will:
 - 1) Chose the house of God as being a special place—like God does (be consistent with attendance).
 - 2) Proclaim the name of God—like God does (be a witness).
 - 3) Have his eyes and heart on the house of God—like God does (be concerned about church).
- As the Old Testament temple was very special, the New Testament church is a very special. Godly leaders are connected to a church that follows God's word.
- Godly leadership takes spiritual growth. The local church can help you grow.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Do you believe your church is a special place? Why?
- How can you proclaim the name of the Lord more?
- In what ways are you concerned about your church?



PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to give you a heart for church.
- Praise God for what He has done at your church.
- Ask God to help you glorify Him in His church.



CHALLENGE

- The next time you come to church, ask God that you would learn something new about Him.