

A GODLY LEADER IS LED BY GOD'S WORD

Family Devotion — Lesson 61

MEMORY VERSE — ECCLESIASTES 12:13

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”

- Solomon experienced everything there was to experience in life. His conclusion was that a person should fear God and keep His commandments. The most important commandment for today is to believe in Jesus for salvation. “And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ...” (1 Jn. 3:23). Jesus made it clear when He said, “for what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”
- Solomon lost his ability to lead when he strayed from God’s word.
- Fearing God and keeping God’s commandments is a must for godly leadership.
- A godly leader learns:
 - 1) How to fear God through God’s word. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov. 1:7). This knowledge is needed to lead.
 - 2) How to keep God’s commandments through God’s word. God has graciously given His commandments (the Bible) so we can fulfill His will, glorify Him, and be blessed. Any good godly leader knows this. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Ps. 119:105).
- It is a blessing to have godly leaders in our lives that use the word of God to lead us.
- The greatest book ever written on leadership is the Bible! The greatest leader to ever live is Jesus!

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Who are you thankful for that uses the word of God to lead you?
- How does fearing God make for a godly leader?
- How does keeping God’s commandments make for a godly leader?

PRAYER TIME

- Pray for your leaders to fear God and keep His commandments.
- Ask God to help you fear Him and keep His commandments.
- Have you obeyed the commandment in 1 Jn. 3:23? Explain.

CHALLENGE

- Think of someone in the Bible that was a bad leader because they did not fear God.