

Securing the Throne – God's Way or Man's?

1 Kings 2.1-46

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
the need for divine wisdom 3.7-10

1. Lofty Ideals to Follow, vs 1-4

- ***be strong in God's grace, v2***
2 Cor 12.9-10; 2 Tim 2.1
John 15.5; Phil 4.13; 1 Pet 5.10-11
the secret of true manliness
- ***walk in God's ways, v3***
as revealed in his written word
the secret of true success
Josh 1.8; Ps 1.1-3
- ***be wholehearted in***
devotion to God, v4 Mk 7.6
the secret of enjoying
God's promises

requires self-monitoring
1 Tim 4.16; 2 Cor 13.5

2. An Ugly Desire for Vengeance

vs5-12

**unfinished business from his
father's reign**

David – reluctant to punish 1.6

➤ **generosity to Barzillai's sons v7**
hospitality repaid

2 Sam 17.27-29

➤ **justice for Joab vs 5-6**
– a cold blooded murderer

2 Sam 3.27; 20.9-10

➤ **justice for Shimei v8-9**
a king-curser 2 Sam 16.5-13

a better way Mat 5.38-45

**– leave vengeance to God,
overcome evil with good**

Rom 12.17-21

3. The Ruthless Elimination of Solomon's Opponents, vs13-46

- ***Adonijah, pretender to throne***
vs13-25
- ***Abiathar, a false priest*** ***vs26-27***
- ***Joab, a murderous general*** ***vs28-35***
- ***Shimei, a king-curser*** ***vs36-46***

every leader needs God's wisdom
2 Chron 1.10