

LIVING IN GOD'S ABUNDANCE
Elevate: Raising a Higher Standard – Part 12
1 Kings 2-3 & 1 Chronicles 29 – 2 Chronicles 2
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So Solomon took the throne of the LORD in place of his father, David, and he succeeded in everything, and all Israel obeyed him.... And the LORD exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and he gave Solomon greater royal splendor than any king in Israel before him. – 1 Chron. 29:23, 25 NLT

5 WAYS SOLOMON POSITIONED HIMSELF FOR BLESSING:

1. Solomon listened to and honored his parents.

"Give my son Solomon the wholehearted desire to obey all your commands, laws, and decrees, and to do everything necessary to build this Temple, for which I have made these preparations." – 1 Chron. 29:19 NLT

Honor your father and your mother, exactly as the LORD your God requires, so that your life will be long and so that things will go well for you.... – Deuteronomy 5:16 CEB

2. Solomon honored and sought the Lord.

"Be a good and strong leader. Obey the LORD your God. Follow him by obeying his demands, his commands, his laws, and his rules that are written in the teachings of Moses. If you do these things, you will be successful in all you do and wherever you go." – 1 Kings 2:2-3 NCV

Solomon decided to build a Temple to honor the name of the LORD.... 2 Chron. 2:1 NLT

Solomon son of David took firm control of his kingdom, for the LORD his God was with him and made him very powerful.... There in front of the Tabernacle, Solomon went up to the bronze altar in the LORD's presence and sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings on it. – 2 Chron. 1:1, 6 NLT

3. Solomon did not run from confrontation or conflict.

➤ 1 Kings 2:5-9

The king also said to Shimei, "You know in your heart all the wrong you did to my Father David. Now the LORD will repay you for your wrongdoing. But King Solomon will be blessed, and David's throne will remain secure...." – 1 Kings 2:44-45 NIV

4. Solomon boldly asked for what he desired from God.

"Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?" - 2 Chron. 1:10 NIV

You do not have what you want because you do not ask God for it. - James 4:2 GNT

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." - Matthew 7:7-8 NLT

5. Solomon sought the good of others.

So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies—I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life!" - 1 Kings 3:11-13 NLT