

Discussion Questions: Life of David: Part 11 – David the King... Finally
2 Samuel 2:1-4; 5:1-5

1. Pastor Kent mentioned the struggle of being patient in an “instapot” society. How do you see this evident in others (in yourself?) as you walk through life?

2. Point 1 in the sermon was: **“Maturity Takes Time”**

As we observed David finally becoming king after 15 years, Pastor Kent observed that “Time is required for maturity, but time is not a guarantee of maturity”.

Read 1 Cor. 3:1-3

- What are some occasions we might wrongly or unfairly expect behavior *beyond* someone’s actual maturity? What are some potential dangers of these kinds of expectations?
- What are some examples of maturity we ought to rightly expect of someone who has been in Christ for a while? (Think of deeds, but also beyond deeds to the heart)

3. Point 2 in the sermon was: **“Humility Befits a King”**

Consider this quote Pastor Kent mentioned in the sermon from the puritan, John Flavel:
“Those that walk with God will be humble. They that know themselves cannot be proud.”

What is it about walking with God that humbles a person?

Why does knowing oneself eliminate the possibility of pride?

4. Point 3 in the sermon was: **“God Gives Wisdom to Accomplish his Will”**

Read James 1:5

When do you find are the times you seek God’s wisdom?

When do you find you resist or forget to seek God’s wisdom?

5. Point 4 in the sermon was: **“You Must Give God *Every Part of your Life*”**

Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Observe the tragic comparison in the life of David’s son, Solomon:

Deut. 17:16 – “The king must not acquire large numbers of horses, or make treaties with Egypt”

1 Kings 10:26, 28, 29

Deut. 17:17 – “The king must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray”

1 Kings 11:1-8 (especially v.5-8)

Deut. 17:17 – “The king must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold”

1 Kings 10:14-23, and 10:27

Perhaps Solomon would have been helped by obeying Deuteronomy 17:18-20.

This new year, would you consider taking the Deuteronomy 17 challenge, and commit to writing out (by hand on paper) some portions of Scripture? What might be the benefit of doing so?