

How to Be a Positive Influence!

KINGMAKER, Pt. 2

1 Kings 12:25-32, 1 Kings 15:9-15

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Proverbs 14:11, *The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.*

Proverbs 14:34, *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.*

2 Chronicles 14:2, *Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God.*

1 Kings 11:38, *If you do whatever I command you and walk in obedience to me and do what is right in my eyes by obeying my decrees and commands, as David my servant did, I will be with you. I will build you a dynasty as enduring as the one I built for David and will give Israel to you.*

1 Kings 15:34, (King Baasha) *He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the ways of Jeroboam and committing the same sin Jeroboam had caused Israel to commit.*

1 Kings 16:19, (King Zimri) *because of the sins he had committed, doing evil in the eyes of the LORD and following the ways of Jeroboam and committing the same sin Jeroboam had caused Israel to commit.*

1 Kings 16:26, (King Omri) *He followed completely the ways of Jeroboam son of Nebat, committing the same sin Jeroboam had caused Israel to commit, so that they aroused the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, by their worthless idols.*

2 Kings 13:2, (King Jehoahaz) *He did evil in the eyes of the LORD by following the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat,*

which he had caused Israel to commit, and he did not turn away from them.

2 Kings 15:24, (King Pekahiah) *Pekahiah did evil in the eyes of the LORD. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.*

Galatians 6:7, *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

Why Was Jeroboam Such a Negative Influence?

1. He Changed the PLACE of Worship

1 Kings 12:25, *Then Jeroboam fortified Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. From there he went out and built up Peniel. **26** Jeroboam thought to himself, "The kingdom will now likely revert to the house of David. **27** If these people go up to offer sacrifices at the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem, they will again give their allegiance to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah. They will kill me and return to King Rehoboam."*

2. He Exchanged God for OTHER GODS

1 Kings 12:28, *After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." **29** One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan. **30** And this thing became a sin; the people came to worship the one at Bethel and went as far as Dan to worship the other. **31** Jeroboam built shrines on high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites.*

3. He Chose His Own Priest Instead of Real Preachers of the WORD

2 Chronicles 11:15, when he appointed his own priests for the high places and for the goat and calf idols he had made.

4. He Chose Man's Wisdom Over God's WISDOM

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Why Was Asa a Positive Influence?

1) He Restored Right WORSHIP

1 Kings 15:11, Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as his father David had done. **12** He expelled the male shrine prostitutes from the land and got rid of all the idols his ancestors had made.

2) He Made Hard and Unpopular DECISIONS

1 Kings 15:13, He even deposed his grandmother Maakah from her position as queen mother, because she had made a repulsive image for the worship of Asherah. Asa cut it down and burned it in the Kidron Valley.

3) He Committed His Heart Fully to GOD

1 Kings 15:14, Although he did not remove the high places, Asa's heart was fully committed to the LORD all his life.

4) He Gave His BEST to God

1 Kings 15:15, He brought into the temple of the LORD the silver and gold and the articles that he and his father had dedicated.

5) He Commanded His PEOPLE to Follow GOD

2 Chronicles 14:4, He commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and to obey his laws and commands.

2 Chronicles 16:9, For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war."