

King  
Solomon's  
Lessons  
in  
Leadership

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# Proverbs 16:9

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# Preparing the Heart for Leadership

Proverbs 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

(2) All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

(3) Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

# The Lord is the Judge of Leadership

Proverbs 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

(5) Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

# The Lord is the Judge of Leadership

Proverbs 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

(7) When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

# The Foundations of Righteousness

Proverbs 16:8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

(9) A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

(10) A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

# The Foundations of Righteousness

Proverbs 16:11 A just weight and balance are the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag are his work.

(12) It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

(13) Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

# Positive Reinforcing Leadership

Proverbs 16:14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

(15) In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.

(16) How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

# Eliminating Destructive Biases

Proverbs 16:17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

(18) LEADERSHIP  
Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

(19) Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

# Seeking Godly Wisdom Key to Flourishing

Proverbs 16:20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

(21) The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

(22) Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

# Don't Neglect Teaching Godly Wisdom Based on Truth

Proverbs 16:23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

(24) Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

(25) There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

# Pursue Honest Enterprise

Proverbs 16:26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

(27) An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.

(28) A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

# Avoid Lawlessness and Corruption

Proverbs 16:29–30 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.


(30) He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

# The Fruit of the Self-Controlled Life

Proverbs 16:31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

(32) He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

(33) The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.



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# Conclusions