

THE END OF AN ERA

1 Chronicles 28-29



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Some men mark the end of an era with their death. As they pass on they leave an emptiness that no one seems able to fill. David, the man after God's own heart, was like that. Although his son Solomon was destined to become great, he was never really the man his father had been.

In 1Chronicles 28-29, we see David in the final chapter of his life. Realizing he was near death – heart and mind swelling with emotion – David reflected, advised his son, prayed and rejoiced.



I. REFLECTING ON THE TEMPLE: and His dream to build it.

A. His desire was to rebuild the temple (look at 1 Chronicles 28:1-2)

B. God answered with a no. (look at 1 Chronicles 28:3)

C. David's response. He accepted God's NO without a trace of bitterness or resentment. (look at 1 Chronicles 28:4)

* Has God ever said no to one of your dreams? Perhaps a career, a ministry, or a relationship? If so, let it go. Like David focus on what the Lord will do in your life. And be thankful.

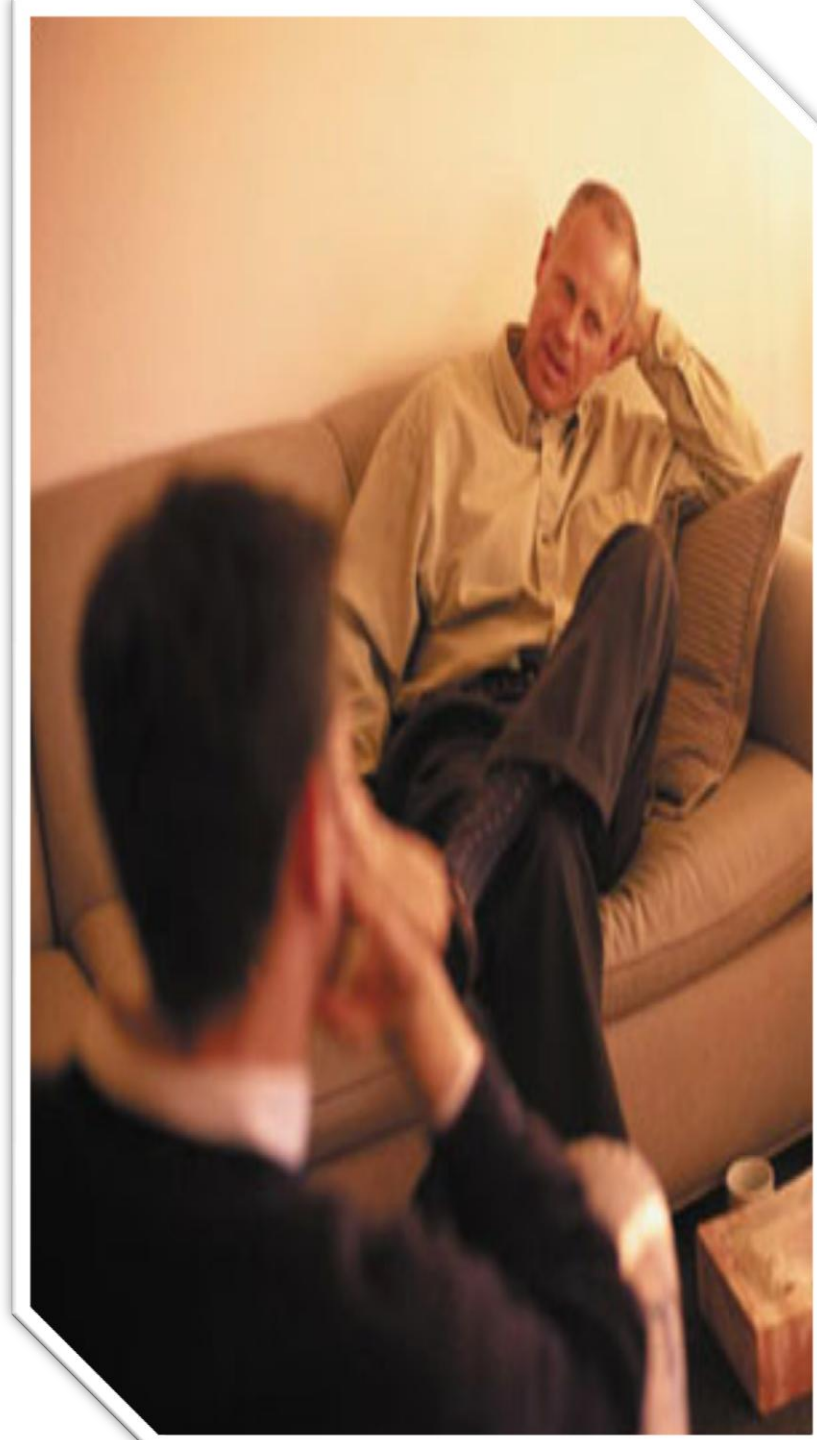
II. Relaying counsel to his son who will be the next king.

A. Regarding Godliness (look at 1 Chronicles 28:9) He gives Solomon three specific admonishments about his relationship with god.

1. To have an intimate knowledge of God
(Look at Philippians 3:10)
2. To labor on the Lord's behalf.

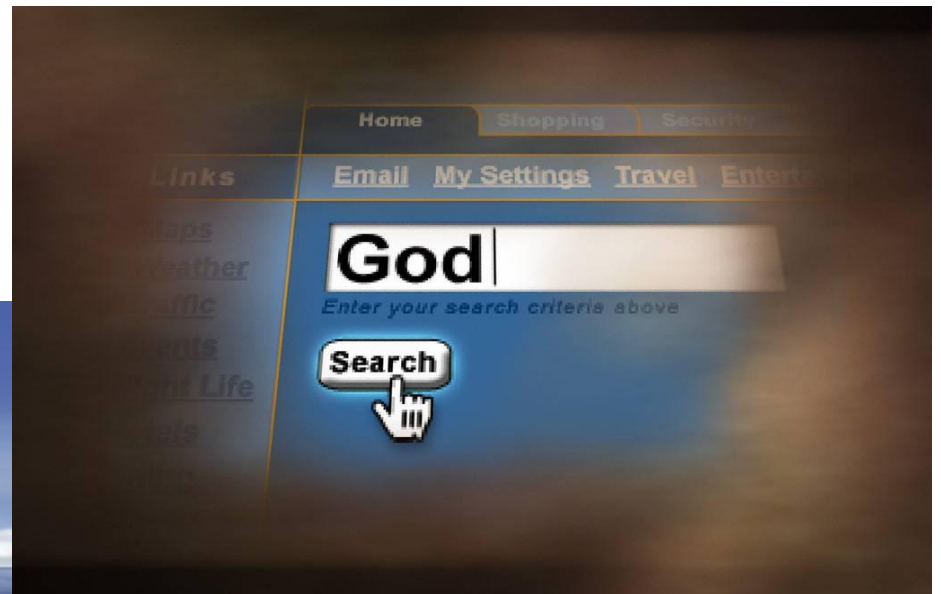
David tells Solomon to do this in 2 ways:

(Look at 1 Chronicles 28:9b)



3. To search for the Lord and follow His leading.

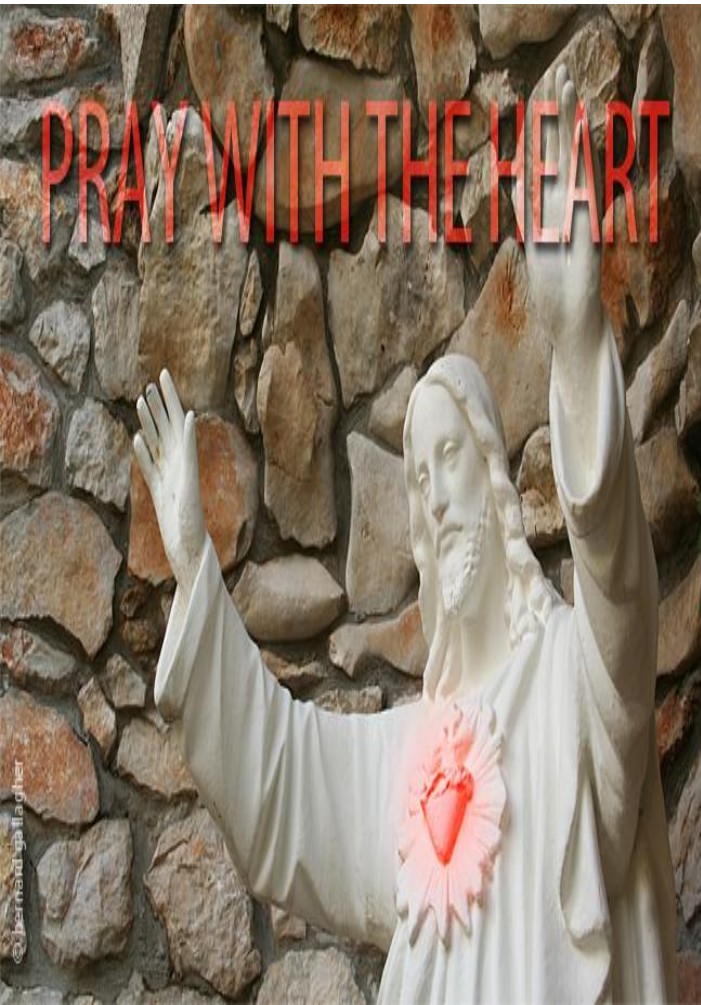
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B. Regarding Godliness
(look at what the Lord said
in Matthew 6:33)

C. Regarding Construction

III. Praying from the heart for His Son. Three things mark this prayer.



1. Praise for who God is.
2. Thanksgiving for what God has done.
3. Intercession.

Like David, we all have a purpose for our lives. What had God given you to do in your generation?

