

# SHOW YOURSELF A MAN

1 Kings 1:1-2:46  
Key Verse: 2:2,3

**“I am about to go the way of all the earth.” He said, “So be strong, show yourself a man and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.”**

## Study Questions

### I. David makes Solomon King (Chapter 1)

1. How much had King David aged? (1-4) Who was Adonijah? What did he think about himself? What was he conspiring to do? (5-10) What was his problem in becoming king?

2. What was the Prophet Nathan’s advice to Bathsheba concerning herself and her son Solomon? (11-27) Why did Nathan want to establish Solomon as king? (13, 17) (1 Ch 22:9,10) Whom did David want to establish as king? What command did he give Zadok, Nathan and Benaiah? (28-37)

3. How was Solomon established as the king over Israel? How did the people respond? (38-40) How did Adonijah and his followers hear the news? What did they do? (41-53) Think about the difference between one who is raised up by others and one who raises up himself.

### II. Solomon’s Throne Established (Chapter 2)

4. What charge did David give Solomon? (1-4) What kind of man did he want Solomon to be? How can one become brave, courageous and prosperous? What advice did David give Solomon regarding certain people? (5-9) What brought peace and stability to the nation? (10-12)

5. Why was Adonijah put to death? (13-25) How did King Solomon deal with the priest, Abiathar? Why? (26,27)

6. How had Joab interfered with David’s policy regarding his defeated opponents? (2:5-6, 2 Sa 3:22-39) What was David’s policy? How did Solomon deal with Joab? What was the reason? (28-35) Why was Shimei eventually put to death? (8, 36-46a) Think about some elements of Joab’s and/or Shimei’s character which might be in our community and/or in us.

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7. How was the kingdom established after these national problems were resolved?  
(46b) In light of all this, what must we do to firmly establish our families, church, and nation?