

ROYALTY-ENJOYING THE GOOD LIFE.

2 Chronicles 10-12

Sunday, April 30th, 2023

1 Peter 2:9-10 NKJV

9 But you *are* **a chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, **His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

10 who once *were* not a people **but are now the people of God**, who had not obtained mercy **but now have obtained mercy**.

Passion – 9 *But you are God’s chosen treasure—priests who are kings, a spiritual “nation” set apart as God’s devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience his marvelous light, and now he claims you as his very own. He did this so that you would broadcast his glorious wonders throughout the world.*

10 *For at one time you were not God’s people, but now you are. At one time you knew nothing of God’s mercy, because you hadn’t received it yet, but now you are drenched with it!*

Those golden shields symbolized the purity, integrity and the glory of Yahweh, God’s royal standard.

If you want to enjoy the life of royalty, you must...

1. Follow good counsel.

2 Chronicles 10:7-11-TLB

2 Chronicles 10:16-17-TLB

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2. Follow the Words of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 11:2-4-NLT

John 10:10-Passion

A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. ***But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow!***

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3. Continue in the ways of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 12:1-2-NLT

Luke 9:23-TLB

Then he said to all, “Anyone who wants to follow me must ***put aside his own desires and conveniences and carry his cross with him every day and keep close to me!***

2Chronicles 12:5-NLT

Ephesians 4:27-Passion

Don’t give the slanderous accuser, the Devil, ***an opportunity to manipulate you!***

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4. Be real.

2 Chronicles 12:9-NLT

10 - ...King Rehoboam later ***replaced them with bronze shields as substitutes***,...

1 Peter 1:7-Passion

But these... (*trials*)... only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, **for even gold is refined by fire. Your authentic faith will result in even more praise, glory, and honor** when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed.

1Timothy 4:12 -Passion

And don’t be intimidated by those who are older than you; simply be the example they need to see ***by being faithful and true in all that you do***. Speak the truth and live a life of purity and ***authentic love*** as you remain strong in your faith.

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5. Humble yourself.

2 Chronicles 12:12-NLT

1Peter 5:6-NKJV

Therefore, ***humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God***, that He may exalt you in due time,

Luke 15:22-23-Passion

22Turning to his servants, the father said, ‘Quick, ***bring me the best robe, my very own robe***, and ***I will place it on his shoulders. Bring the ring, the seal of sonship***, and ***I will put it on his finger. And bring out the best shoes you can find for my son.***

23 Let’s *prepare a great feast* and celebrate.