

Live Like a King

Scripture, Journal & Copywork Guide

PEACE: WEEK 3

Many kings are blessed with abundant wealth, power, riches, and fame. They are also burdened with great responsibility, and my guess is that with great responsibility comes great anxiety. How did God recommend that the Old Testament kings maintain peace under all of that pressure? The same thing he recommends to us - getting (and staying) rooted in Him, with the help of scripture and prayer. Deuteronomy 17 explains in the section on laws concerning kings, "And when a king sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of God's law... And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel." (Deuteronomy 17:18-20) We might expect that a servant would do the work of making a copy of scripture for the king, but God makes it clear that the king should copy it down himself, perhaps in order to more effectively "lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul" (Deuteronomy 11:18).

Living like a king means reading and writing God's Word like a king.

STEP 1: PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Think and Jot.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

STEP 2: LEARN AND ABSORB

Read scripture.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philippians 4:8

STEP 3: REFLECT AND PRACTICE

Copy scripture.

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9

