

Living a life with no regrets should be happening now—
Regret is a feeling of sadness, repentance, or disappointment over something that has happened or been done.

(Story of being physically abused as a child, and wanting to give the gospel to my father)

1 Kings 2:1-3

3 things David says to Solomon about what he should do—now that his calling has come— and I'm contending that it is because David didn't always do these things himself. (This was do as I say not as I did/do moment)

I'm just going to read these verses and explain as we go.

Each of these phrases that David gives to his son, has a tense to them that allows for us to understand how to live a life with little regret.

1) Continue getting stronger.

There is a battle to be strong. Weakness comes without any hint of help or effort. Weakness comes naturally. You can just let yourself go toward weak faith. Don't overlook this. It is so easy to pass this by.

Where do I need to be stronger?

- Purity (sex and heart issues of pride)
 - Faith (I need to deepen my faith in areas mainly in Bible knowledge)
 - Family (lead and guide my kids and spouse better)
 - Work (I need give all I can and watch my witness as I am working)
 - Relationships (friends and family need more responsive opportunities to be stronger in faith)
- Keep getting stronger and you won't have as many regrets.

2) Prove yourself to be a man or woman of God.

Before David died he gave Solomon a charge, telling him to be a man! The way he told him to be a man was to "be strong" and do what God commanded him to do!

There are certain things that God asks of us in order to follow him and obey him. There's certain risks that are asked of us.

3) Keep the charge of the Lord (obey the calling that God has given)

OK I wanna show you some of the saddest verses in the Bible. David gives sound advice to his son. And though Solomon ask God for wisdom, wrote the book of Proverbs, wrote the book Song of Solomon, wrote the book of Ecclesiastes, and was able to build God's temple, he still couldn't help himself, and became incredibly half hearted and weak.

1 Kings 11:4

[4] For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

So what if you like Solomon get to a spot in your life where you regret so much. You can't seem to move forward in any kind of way that makes a difference in life.

I want to show you how Paul , who had one of the most shady past of arresting and killing Christians, was able to move forward and risk a lot to follow Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

[13] Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.