

## **Choosing Godly Leaders Proverbs 16**

1 Samuel 8:18

When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the LORD will not answer you in that day.

What to Look for:

### I. Righteous and Wise Decisions

Romans 13:1, 5

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, . . . for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

Psalms 21:1-7

O LORD, in Your strength the king will be glad, And in Your salvation how greatly he will rejoice! His glory is great through Your salvation . . . for the king trusts in the LORD, And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he will not be shaken.

### II. Honesty and Integrity

2 Chronicles 31:20-21

This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God. In everything that he undertook, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered.

### III. Moral and Sexual Purity

Romans 1 and 2

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator— Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. The men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. . . . You are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

#### IV. Protection of the Defenseless

Proverbs 31:8, 9

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.  
Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Psalm 94:20, 21

Can a throne of destruction be allied with You, One which devises mischief by decree? They band themselves together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death