

**LESSONS IN MANHOOD: THE HEART**

1 Kings 2:1-3, Psalm 51:1-12, 1 Kings 11

This discussion is based on the leadership study “Lessons in Manhood”, available at https://leadmin.org/manhood.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• What is something that you hold “close to your heart?” Why do you think of it in that way?

* When you have a decision for your life regarding direction, employment, focus, what do you rely on to help you determine what to do?
* When someone says they “want to get to the heart of the matter”, what are they saying? How do you interpret that phrase?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read 1 Kings 2:1-3. What do you observe about David’s instructions to his son, Solomon, at the end of his life?

* Read Psalm 51:1-2 and 51:10-12. What is David’s response to God when confronted about his sin (adultery and murder)?
* Read 1 Kings 11:1-6. What was Solomon’s pattern of sin?
* Read 1 Kings 11:40. What was Solomon’s response when confronted about his sin?
* What caused David’s heart to return to God, where Solomon did not?
* Read Matthew 6:21. What is connected to our hearts, according to this verse? How might we tell where someone’s heart is in today’s culture?
* What does it mean to “guard your heart”?



• What is something “close to your heart” that you might invest in or grow this week? How does this express something about your personally or spiritually?

* What might you study to determine if your “heart is in the right place” personally, professionally, and spiritually? Is this a question you can ask God?