

# THE DAVIDIC DEVOTIONAL

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## ADVICE

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READ: Proverbs 20:18

**³Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. ⁴It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:**

**-Proverbs 31:3-4 | KJV**

The Queenmother of Israel - Bathsheba in the reign of Solomon, her son – ruler, became the king's special advisor. We have many rulers around us. Rulers in family being husbands, rulers in schools being principals; rulers in politics being Presidents; rulers in churches being the five-fold ministers. Most especially, those who rule don't want to be advised by their subordinates at all. They think as they rule, they are better of than the ones they rule over. It is a privilege you have over them not a right. Never be puffed up to listen to advice.

It is very imperialistic for you to be talked to. You need to allow yourself for someone to give you a good advise. It is not all advices that you need to take, because some advices are bad. Nevertheless, this should not make you ignore every possible opportunity for straightening up by people. You need to decipher the message from the messenger. You may not like the person advising you but you need to take the positive advice and act upon it.

King Solomon became a very wise President over Israel as a country, but yet, he had advisors who were constantly guiding him with what they think and knew had worked over the years could help move the nation forward. Nevertheless, these advisors couldn't interfere with the personal life of the king. As the king was sleeping with all kinds of women he wanted in the palace and hotels, drinking alcohol, and doing all deviant behaviors, the advisors kept mute.

The Queenmother, then saw that if, she also keeps mute, his son - the king would be destroyed. She then advised him not to give her strength to women by sleeping with them and giving them his money in addition. She also advised him not to take alcohol as it hampers the reputation of good kings, yet he didn't listen. King Solomon refused his mother's good advices and ended up marrying 700 women and 300 concubines, drank strong wine as he liked and at the end, these deeds led him astray from God.

**Stay Blessed**