

Counsellors - Godly or Not?

Jeremiah 6:16

Recently, a 4 year old drew a picture of her father with a firearm. The educator freaked out and reported it to the police; who arrested him like a terrorist. However, nothing illegal was found, and no apologies were given. The educator claimed that they are co-parents of the children, and its their duty to act on these matters.

Does the Bible have any examples of counsellors? 1 Kings 12: 1 to 17 - And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. & it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it , (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, & Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt) That they sent & called him. & Jeroboam & all the congregation of Israel came, & spake to Rehoboam, saying, Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, & his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, & we will serve thee. And he said unto them, Depart yet for 3 days, then come again to me. & the people departed. King Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, & said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? & they spake unto him saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, & wilt serve them, & answer them, & speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, & consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, & which stood before him: & he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. & the king answered the people roughly, &

forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; & spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, & I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. Wherefore the king hearkened not to the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents. But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

Ahithopel - 2 Samuel 15: 31 - And one told David, saying, Ahithopel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithopel into foolishness.

2 Samuel 16: 15 to 17: 14 - And Absalom, & all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, & Ahithopel with him. & it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king. & Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, & this people, & all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, & with him will I abide. & again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence. Then said Absalom to Ahithopel, Give counsel among you what we shall do. And Ahithopel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; & all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; & Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. And the counsel of Ahithopel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithopel both with David & with Absalom. Moreover Ahithopel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out 12,000 men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: & I will come upon him while he is weary & weak handed, & will make him afraid: & all the people that are with him shall flee; & I will smite

the king only: And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. & the saying pleased Absalom well, & all the elders of Israel. Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, & let us hear likewise what he saith. & when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not; speak thou. & Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time. For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father & his men, that they be mighty men, & they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: & thy father is a man of war, & will not lodge with the people. Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: & it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, & they which be with him are valiant men. Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; & that thou go to battle in thine own person. So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, & we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: & of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one. Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, & we will draw it into the river, until there be not 1 small stone found there. & Absalom & all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

2 Samuel 17:23 - And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, & hanged himself, & died, & was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

counsel of clergy - some good and some bad - John 18: 14 - Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

trust not those who vacilate - Proverbs 24: 21 & 22 - My son, fear thou the

LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both? Jeremiah 6: 16 - Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein .

There is a lot of advice out there; some of it is even Godly.

But thankfully, we have the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and Godly pastors, and even, parents.

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