

*"But He Forsook The Counsel Of The Old Men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him." 1 Kings 12:8 KJV*

"Birds of a feather flock together," is an old proverb that has maintained its integrity for centuries. Rehoboam had the benefit of the wisest Dad in the history of man, Solomon, but had learned absolutely nothing! Sure, he sought the old men's counsel, but did he heed it? Not on your life! His peers swayed him; not because they were wiser, but because he was of the same mind set. They told him what he wanted to hear. *"In the multitude of counsellors there is safety."* It



doesn't say, "You will be safe," it indicates where safety is found. Good advice is only as good as its application. *"Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose Faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."* Faithful men live faithful lives. You don't seek advice on how to stop drinking from a skid row drunk unless, of course, you don't really want to quit. Righteous counsel will only be heeded by those who desire Righteousness. Desire dictates which advice we heed and our success or failure. Worldly youth seldom heed age and as a result, society spirals downward into evil. In Noah's day *"God Saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."* Jesus Said, *"As the days of Noe were, so shall also the Coming of the Son of man Be."* Current events clearly indicate few seek or heed faithful counsel. You'll listen to those who praise you and ignore those who correct you, but like a rudderless ship running before the wind, life only deteriorates in the path of least resistance. God's Word is the best advice you apply for He is *"the Ancient of Days and His Word is Truth! In Him [Is] Life and the Life Is the Light of men."* God Is From Everlasting and His Word Is the best measure of anyone's advice, because *"He Abideth Faithful!"* No one desires failure, but if you follow your lusts you will fail! Achieving wealth is not the benchmark of *"good success."* Successful thieves are wealthy. You can be a successful drunk! True prosperity begins with God and never ends! *"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate Therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all That Is Written Therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have GOOD SUCCESS. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He Shall Give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He Shall Bring it to pass. And He Shall Bring Forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday."*

Take heed to words the faithful say,  
Or with your life you'll surely pay,  
You can follow the evil way,  
Or with your Father you can stay. –CGP

The Scriptures are God's Written Word. *"All Scripture Is Given by Inspiration of God, and Is Profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in Righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."* Men seldom heed Truth, because of their lusts. How about you?

*"Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose Faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ The Same yesterday, and today, and forever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart Be Established With Grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein." Hebrews 13:7-9 KJV*