

# The Amazing Influence of a Godly Man

Text: I Chronicles 12:32

**Introduction:** *The American family is under siege. We don't need statistics, or opinion polls to tell us that Satan is causing great destruction within the family (John 10:10). Following Saul's death, the tribe of Judah quickly made David their king (II Samuel 2:1-4). It would take over seven years before the other eleven tribes would follow suit and make David king over ALL of Israel (II Sam.5:1-5). What separated the men of Issachar from their Jewish brothers, is what we need from godly men today.*

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I Chron.12:2 "men from the tribe of Benjamin"

I Chron.12:8,14 "men from the tribe of Gad"

I Chron.12:33 "men from the tribe of Zebulun"

Ecclesiastes 7:9; Proverbs 24:5&6; 14:8

Hosea 4:6; Proverbs 10:21

"The Western world stands at a great crossroads in it's history. It is my opinion that our very survival as a people will depend upon the presence or absence of masculine leadership in millions of homes.....I believe, with everything in me, that husbands hold the keys to the preservation of the family" (Dr. James Dobson, 1980)

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James 4:17; 2:17

"Tolerance is the virtue of people who don't believe in anything" (G.K. Chesterton)

I Kings 17:1-7

Elijah

Do we love our God sufficiently to stand for the truth regardless of what others around us say? Do we love our wives and children enough to do what others may not? Do we love our country to restore what is right? Have we got what it takes to do something besides just talk?

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Exodus 23:25-29

I Samuel 14:1,6,12-14

**Conclusion:** One godly man can make a difference! Will you choose to be that one godly man?

### **Small Group Questions:**

--Describe the forces at work against the family today that were not maybe so prevalent in the American home 30 years ago.

--How were the men of Issachar different from the men in the other tribes of Israel?

--Was Dobson's statement prophetic or did he miss the mark? How true is it today?

--What things would you do to save your family from physical harm? What will you do to save them from spiritual harm?

--How is I Samuel 14:1-15 speaking to you?