

1 Kings 2:1-4

Three Words



Show You Care

Offer this seat

#StandUpStacey

The graphic features a cartoon girl character with short brown hair, red-rimmed glasses, and a purple dress, holding a purple heart. To her right are four circular icons: a person in a wheelchair, a person with a white cane, a person with a hearing aid, and a person with a white cane. The background is purple with small white hearts.

By the way...

- ❖ I am not about to die – *as far as I know*
- ❖ I am not a king – *but a servant of Jesus*
- ❖ I haven't reigned for forty years (11) – *but ministered for about 2,340 weeks*

But wait, there's more ...

- ❑ Mortality – tighten up or loosen up (So, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. Rom 14:8)
- ❑ Morality – lust or love (You will never outgrow temptation)

Message for a king?

- ✓ Be strong – *when he had subjects to do everything*
- ✓ Be a man – *when he would be the king*
- ✓ Be subject to God – *when everyone was subject to him*

Last words – passing on the baton!

A. Work (2)– “*be strong*”

- Be careful of “religious busy-ness”
- Ephesians 2:8-10 “...*created in Christ Jesus to do good works*”
- Exercise your spiritual gift
- One ministry – do something!

B. Warmth (2) – “*be a man*”

- ❖ *It's all about relationship!*
- ❖ Cold or warm?
- ❖ Cows or people?
- ❖ Family or fruit?
- ❖ Fruit of the Spirit – show love! (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

C. Walk (3) – “*be subject to God*”

- ❑ Amos 3:3 “*Shall two walk together at all, if they do not know one another?*” (Brenton)
- ❑ Ephesians 4:1 | “*I ... urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,*” [that is, to live a life that exhibits godly character, moral courage, personal integrity, and mature behaviour—a life that expresses gratitude to God for your salvation]
- ❑ Bible & prayer
- ❑ Values: ¹Inform, ²transform, ³in-reach & ⁴outreach

Don't worry about failing; worry that you will succeed at the wrong thing...

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1. Work – *God's work*
2. Warm – *relationships*
3. Walk – *spiritual maturity*