



The Good & The Bad

2 Chronicles 18

The Big Idea: Opt In to Wisdom. Opt Out of foolishness.

The Bottom Line: What and who you listen to will influence what you do.

Introduction:

What and **who** I listen to will influence what I do.

All of us can think of actions we took based on the advice of or while under the influence of another person: Parents, Coaches, Teachers, Professors, Financial Planners, Consultants, Mentors, Boyfriends, Roommates, Spouses, Pastors, Counselors.

What and who **you** listen to will influence what **you** do.

The challenge, of course, is to determine which voices to listen to and which ones to filter out. But one thing is certain:

What and who you listen to **will** influence what you do.

Tension:

What if we listen to the wrong voices?

At every stage of life, there is a fresh temptation to listen to the wrong people.

To some extent, all of us are where we are emotionally, financially, and relationally because of who we tuned in and who we tuned out.

So, for the next three weeks, we are going to talk about the voices that influence us.

Truth:

Read: 2 Chronicles 18:1-34.

Conclusion:

Ahab lost his life because he listened to the wrong voices and distanced himself from the right one. He knew, but he would not listen. Careful won't compensate for wisdom, caution, and obedience.

Application:

What we don't want to hear is usually what we need to hear.

Who we don't want to hear from is generally who we need to hear from the most.

Next Steps

- Memorize 2 Chronicles 18:6.
- Who are you listening to?
- Who do you need to quit listening to?
 - Who does your spouse wish you would quit listening to?
 - Who does your mom or dad wish you would quit listening to?
- Who should you be listening to?
- What do you not want to hear-but need to?

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?