

Judges #12

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Judges 12:8-15 (NASB)

Ibzan

⁸ Now Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel after him.

⁹ He had thirty sons, and thirty daughters *whom* he gave in marriage outside *the family*, and he brought in thirty daughters from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

¹⁰ Then Ibzan died and was buried in Bethlehem.

~ Ibzan wasted his life by living out his plans and not God's ~

Elon

¹¹ Now Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel after him; and he judged Israel ten years.

¹² Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

~ Elon wasted his life by not leaving a lasting legacy ~

Abdon

¹³ Now Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel after him.

¹⁴ He had forty sons and thirty grandsons who rode on seventy donkeys; and he judged Israel eight years.

¹⁵ Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried at Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

~ Abdon wasted His life by spreading his seed and riding lots of donkeys~

How Not to Waste Your Life

1. Get _____ with God.
 - a. Believe that _____ is God
 - b. Believe that Jesus lived a _____ life
 - c. Believe that Jesus _____ for your _____ life
 - d. Believe that Jesus _____ again _____ who He is and what He has done for you.

Romans 10:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

¹¹ As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Samuel Ward

"To live well is to live twice."

2. Daily, _____ to God in _____ and _____ to Him
by reading His _____.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

3. Don't turn to the _____, don't turn to the _____, turn away
from _____.

Proverbs 4:27 (NASB)

²⁷ Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil.

4. We _____ Christmas because it was the time that God sent
_____ to earth to give us a _____ to live.