

## ***“Bad Leaders In The Bible”***

Lesson Text: **Proverbs 29:2.** *“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.”*

### **I. What Makes Someone A Bad Leader?**

- **Bad Character & Morals.**
  - Idolatry. **1 Kings 16:13.**
  - Greedy For Money/Wealth. **Proverbs 29:4.**
  - Pride. **Isaiah 13:19.**
  - Murder. **2 Kings 11:1-2.**
  - Selfish Ambition. **Galatians 5:20.**
- **Lack Of Devotion Or Loyalty To God.**
  - **1 Kings 15:3.**
- **Not Caring About The People.**
  - **1 Samuel 8:10-18.**
- **Introducing False & Sinful Ways.**
  - Setting Up Idols, Perverting God’s Ways, Neglecting God’s Commands....
  - The Direction Of The Leaders Set The Course For The People.
- **Leaving A Legacy Of Sinful Deeds.**
  - **1 Kings 16:25.**

### **II. Examples Of Bad Leaders.**

- **King Saul.** Became Proud, Disobedient... **1 Samuel 15:12; vs. 17; 18:8-11.**
- **Absalom.** **2 Samuel 14:25-26; 15:1-6.** Stole The Hearts Of The People.
- **Rehoboam.** **1 Kings 12:14; 2 Chronicles 12:1; 12:14.**
- **Jeroboam.** **1 Kings 12:27-33.** His Legacy: **1 Kings 15:34; 22:52; 2 Kings 13:2.**
- **Ahab.** **1 Kings 16:29-33.** He Did Much Evil, And Even More Because Of His Wife.
- **Manasseh.** **2 Kings 21:1-9.** A Very Wicked King! But Repented.
- **Ezekiel 34:1-6.** Shepherds Who Were Not Feeding And Caring For Their Sheep.
- **Micah 3:9-12.** Leaders In Israel Were Corrupt.
- **The Scribes & Pharisees- Matthew 23.** A Legacy Of Hypocrisy, Pride, and Greed.
- **Diotrephes.** **3 John 9-11.** One Man’s Love To Be 1st, But At What Cost?
- **Hymenaeus & Philetus.** **2 Timothy 2:16-18.** Men Of Influence, But False Message.