

May 30 Answers

- 1) Solomon's second crowning and the death of David. Solomon was **young** [max of 25 years old] and inexperienced, and David realized the enormous task of building the temple weighed heavily on him. So David took time to **encourage** him and **remind** him that God had specifically chosen him for this job. He challenged him: "Be **courageous** and act" (1 Chr 28:10 NASB). This teaches us that when God gives us a task, He also gives us the **ability** and **power** to accomplish that task. The size of the job can cause us to freeze in fear, but God's words are a remedy for this: 'Don't **focus** on how big the task is; instead, get to work!' Getting **started** is often the most difficult part of any job. As we work, we can rest in the knowledge that God is with us. He will never fail us or forsake us (1 Chr 28:20). As David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon: "Show yourself a **man**" (1 Kgs 2:2). What is the essence of manliness? "**Keep** the charge of the Lord your God, **walking** in his ways and keeping his commandments." Those who obey, will "**prosper** in all that they do" (1 Kgs 2:3).