

TAKE 5! 5 VERSES, 5 QUESTIONS, 5 MINUTES BY MARY KANE

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Please take a moment to quiet yourself before the Lord. Ask your heavenly Father to forgive you of any sin that is upon your heart and fill you afresh with His Holy Spirit. Now please read Deuteronomy 17:16-20

This section of Scripture was written to the kings of Israel. It provided the kings with vital information concerning how to govern the kingdom of God with wisdom and integrity. Before you think this passage could not possibly apply to a "commoner" like yourself, remember that Revelation 1:6 says that God has made us "kings and priests."

**What two things does God warn against in verse 16?**

He warns against collecting horses and returning to Egypt. Horses were a symbol of military might and strength. God's people were to trust Him to protect them, not horses. Egypt was a place of bondage and oppression for the Hebrew people. As modern day Christians, we also must place our trust in God, not our government, weapons or foreign policies. We also need to avoid returning to activities, relationships or attitudes that will lead us into bondage and oppression. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stay out of Egypt.

**According to verse 17, name two other things Christians need to be cautious with?**

Relationships and money. In the past, I have based my security on our bank balance...then my two sons went to college, the economy crashed and my husband lost his job. I have also depended on human relationships for security more than my relationship with God. How can we keep our hearts

and minds fastened on the Only One who can bring us peace and security?  
Verse 18 supplies the answer.

**What did God command that every king must do?**

He must write a copy of the law in a book. And as the king wrote the law upon the parchment it was also being impressed upon his heart. Recently, a few Bible study authors have been challenging their readers to copy books of scripture as part of their Bible study time. I personally love this practice and I encourage you to try it yourself.

Please read verses 19 and 20 again.

**What things will happen as a result of writing a copy of the law?**

We will be able to: study the law every day, learn to fear the Lord, faithfully follow His commands and statutes, develop an attitude of humility, prolong our influence for Christ upon the world and protect the lives of our children.

**Which of the above benefits do you need the most at this time?**

Spend some extra time today studying the Word of God.

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