

## Not Your Job! I

The squeaky wheel is the one that brings about the most attention and appears to be the wheel most likely to hit the media. This right and that right, discrimination based upon race, creed, color, or ethnic origin. This guy does not want to be a guy and now children from the second grade, and higher, are subjected to sensitivity studies...oops, "guy" should have been "They, Them, Theirs, Themselves Ze/Zie, Hir, Hirs, Hirsself Ey, Em, Eir, Emself Xe, Xem, Xyr, Xemself." Confusing? "The best way to avoid using the wrong pronouns to refer to someone is to ask them which ones they use and to let them know which ones you use," in case a person desires to be gender-fluid and "StayHipp.com" (however, back to the squeaky wheel). There are, however, two principles concerning the squeaky wheel, i.e., "the squeaky wheel gets fixed," or "the squeaky wheel gets replaced." Moral? Be careful how loud the squeak.

When considering life, just the simple dynamics thereof, it is evident that one person cannot do everything, and/or be anything. The condition of our society has been described as "a generation that doesn't look outwards, towards God, looks inwards, to itself. The defining spirit of our time is self-obsession; neurosis, self-actualisation, the triumph of mind over matter. What I want, I must have. What I wish to be, I can become (Gary Lineker)." In short, a generation is "here" that was not told "no" in their childhood development. Let us look at a couple of Biblical occasions, and the consequences thereof.

Concerning king David's son: Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom (1 Kgs. 1:5-6). Adonijah wanted to be king, and why not "his father had not displeased him at any time". What was the result of Adonijah's concept that he could have whatever he wanted? After Solomon became king, "Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house" (1 Kgs. 1:52-53). Did Adonijah abandon his previously held character? You judge.

"Then Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's; for it was his from Jehovah. And now I ask one petition of thee; deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king (for he will not say thee nay), that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king. Bathsheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. Then she said, I ask one small petition of thee; deny me not. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother; for I will not deny thee. And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. Then king Solomon sware by Jehovah, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah hath not spoken this word against his own life. Now therefore as Jehovah liveth, who hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me a house, as he promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to death this day. And king Solomon sent by Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him, so that he died." (1 Kgs. 2:13-25): Adonijah apparently learned nothing. (Not Your Job...to be continued, Lord willing.) ret