



## IMAGE: KING

A king's rage is like the roar of a lion,  
but his favor is like dew on the grass.

Proverbs 19:12 NIV

When you've been vested with authority, your influence is more potent and more pervasive than it otherwise would be. Sometimes, the effects are unintentional, like in [Robert Sutton's example](#) of a CEO's preference for blueberry muffins accidentally wasting employee's time.

### The Jeroboam Problem

Jeroboam thought to himself, "... If these people go up to offer sacrifices at the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem, they will again give their allegiance to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah. They will kill me and return to King Rehoboam."

After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan. And this thing became a sin; the people came to worship the one at Bethel and went as far as Dan to worship the other.

1 Kings 12:26-30 NIV

We each have our own little kingdom at work. Like Jeroboam and other kings in the Bible, our influence turns on the hinge of the heart.

"... the most improper job of any man, even saints (who at any rate were at least unwilling to take it on), is bossing other men. Not one in a million is fit for it, and least of all those who seek the opportunity."

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J.R.R. Tolkien

## JESUS AS THE KING

... about the Son he says,  
"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.  
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your  
companions  
by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Hebrews 1:8-9 NIV

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What is my kingdom at work? How far does my authority stretch?

Do I aspire to "bossing" others? Why?

What kind of character do I bring to the ways I influence others at work?

How can I hold more tightly to the Lord than I hold to my own authority?

How can I welcome Jesus as the king who rules rightly?