I. JEROBOAM'S LIFE.

A. His background.
   1. Father—Nebat of the tribe of Ephaim, a Northern Tribe.

B. His gifts.
   2. The prophet Ahijah also recognized God’s hand was on him—1 Kings 11:29-31.

C. His rebellion against Rehoboam.
   2. The result of the rebellion—1 King 12:16 and 20.

D. His sins.
   1. In order to protect his rule he forbade Israel to go to Jerusalem to worship. Instead he set up idols in their own country to worship—1 Kings 12:26-30.

E. His reign.
   1. One of rebellion and idolatry—2 Chron. 13:8-10.
   2. His son died and his family line died out.
   3. He ruled 22 years then died.

II. JEROBOAM’S LESSONS.

A. Great opportunities or gifts are no guarantee of success.

B. God has gifted all of us in many ways.
C. God expects us to use our gifts for His **glory**.

D. It’s possible to **ignore** our gifts or waste them.

E. Knowing God doesn’t mean we will **obey** Him.

F. We must **trust** God to take care of us instead of going our own way—Prov. 3:5-6.

G. God wants to **use** us if we faithfully follow him—1 Kings 11:37-38.

H. We are all going to leave a **legacy** for the next generation. Will it be good or bad?