

Introduction:

1. What is your comment on today's sermon topic, "Wisdom to be a Billionaire"?
2. Relevant questions:
 - a. Is there a direct correlation between the worship of God and wealth from God?
 - b. Is it possible to start as a God-worshipper and end up an idol worshipper?
 - c. Is it possible to anger God to destroy us and the blessings He has given us?
 - d. How can you and I remain true God-worshippers and avoid wrecking our lives later?
 - e. The answers to these questions are implied in the life of King Solomon, the only billionaire in the Bible.

Let's look at Solomon's 4 W's:

A. Solomon's Worship (1 Kings 3:1-4)

1. Solomon was a "like father like son" worshipper (v. 3)
2. Solomon showed his love for God as the core of his worship (v. 3).
3. Solomon's worship of God involved sacrifices (v. 4; Romans 12:1)

B. Solomon's Wisdom (1 Kings 3:4-15; 4:29-34)

1. Worship of God gets God's attention and reward (v. 6).
2. Young and inexperienced, Solomon's request was just right (vv. 7-9).
3. Pleased, the Lord gave Solomon more than what he asked for (vv. 10-13)
4. God gave Solomon a conditional promise of long life (v. 14).
5. Solomon's dream became his God-given vision on how to lead his people.
6. The scope of Solomon's wisdom is detailed in Chapter 4:29-34.

C. Solomon's Wealth (1 Kings 10:14-15, 23-25)

1. Solomon's unequalled wealth gave him worldwide popularity and influence, but his exorbitant wealth was used for his pleasure and glory, instead of using it to influence people for God.
2. Without realizing it, Solomon was corrupted by consuming his wealth on his palace, his chariots, and his 700 wives and 300 concubines.
3. Very few people can handle exorbitant wealth without being corrupted by it.

D. Solomon's Wreckage (1 Kings 11:1-11)**Reasons why Solomon's life was wrecked:**

1. He violated God's marriage rule (1 Kings 1:1; 11:1-4).
2. He became an idol worshipper like his wives (vv. 5-8)
3. He angered God by his wayward attitude (vv. 9-11).

Conclusion: Did Solomon repent of his sins or he died an apostate?

TABLETALK STARTERS (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

1. Discuss the relevant questions under the sermon introduction, based on last Sunday's sermon.
2. Share your insights about Solomon's worship, wisdom, wealth, and wreckage or down fall towards the end of his life.
3. What must you do to avoid repeating the mistakes of Solomon that wrecked his life in his later years?

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