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# The man who HAD IT ALL: *Solomon*

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THE SECRET OF SUCCESS | 1 KINGS 4-10

SOLOMON, THE MOST INTERESTING  
MAN IN THE WORLD.

WISDOM BRINGS \_\_\_\_\_ .

“ The people of Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They were very contented, with plenty to eat and drink. Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates River in the north to the land of the Philistines and the border of Egypt in the south. The conquered peoples of those lands sent tribute money to Solomon and continued to serve him throughout his lifetime.”

1 KINGS 4:20-21 (NLT)

“ Solomon’s dominion extended over all the kingdoms west of the Euphrates River, from Tiphseh to Gaza. And there was peace on all his borders. During the lifetime of Solomon, all of Judah and Israel lived in peace and safety. And from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, each family had its own home and garden.”

1 KINGS 4:24-25 (NLT)

“ He composed some 3,000 proverbs and wrote 1,005 songs. He could speak with authority about all kinds of plants, from the great cedar of Lebanon to the tiny hyssop that grows from cracks in a wall. He could also speak about animals, birds, small creatures, and fish. And kings from every nation sent their ambassadors to listen to the wisdom of Solomon.”

1 KINGS 4:32-34 (NLT)

“So I am planning to build a Temple to honor the name of the Lord my God, just as he had instructed my father, David. For the Lord told him, ‘Your son, whom I will place on your throne, will build the Temple to honor my name.’”

1 KINGS 5:5 (NLT)

“Solomon also built a palace for himself, and it took him thirteen years to complete the construction.”

1 KINGS 7:1 (NLT)

“He built towns as supply centers and constructed towns where his chariots and horses could be stationed. He built everything he desired in Jerusalem and Lebanon and throughout his entire realm.”

1 KINGS 9:19 (NLT)

“ King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at Ezion-geber, a port near Elath in the land of Edom, along the shore of the Red Sea. Hiram sent experienced crews of sailors to sail the ships with Solomon’s men. They sailed to Ophir and brought back to Solomon some sixteen tons of gold.”

1 KINGS 9:26-28 (NLT)

& DOCTOR OF \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Kiss me and kiss me again, for your love is sweeter than wine. How pleasing is your fragrance; your name is like the spreading fragrance of scented oils. No wonder all the young women love you! Take me with you; come, let's run! The king has brought me into his bedroom.

SONG OF SONGS 1:2-4 (NLT)

GOD'S WISDOM IS FOR EVERY PART OF LIFE.

SUCCESS BRINGS \_\_\_\_\_.

“ ...His fame spread throughout all the surrounding nations.”

1 KINGS 4:31B (NLT)

GOD'S WISDOM IS FOR OTHERS, THAT THEY MIGHT BELIEVE.



Open Your Bible to  
1 Kings 10:1-9 to follow along.

SO WHAT:

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS:

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“ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.”

EPHESIANS 5:15-17 (NLT)

DO WHAT YOU \_\_\_\_\_,

...FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_,

“ Do you see any truly competent workers?  
They will serve kings  
rather than working for ordinary people.”

PROVERBS 22:29 (NLT)

“ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.”

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 (NLT)

...AND POINT \_\_\_\_\_.

“ The queen of Sheba will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for she came from a distant land to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Now someone greater than Solomon is here - but you refuse to listen.”

MATTHEW 12:42 (NLT)

JESUS THE MOST INTERESTING MAN IN HISTORY.

## DISCUSSION *Questions*

- 1 - Who is a very successful person you look up to? In culture? In your life? Why?
- 2 - In what area of your life have you worked hard to be successful? What success(es) came easy for you?
- 3 - Re-read Solomons list. Solomon was successful in many areas of Life. How does success beget success in other areas of life?
- 4 - Re-read 1 Kings 10:1-9. Do successful people bring influence in your life? How? How do you influence others through your success?
- 5 - Re-read Ephesians 5:15-17. How does wisdom help you make the most of every opportunity? What opportunities lie before you right now? How can you use those to bring people to Jesus?
- 6 - How can you turn where you are already successful towards the kingdom of God? What concrete step can you take towards that?