

THE STORY  
The King Who Had It All  
1 Kings 1-11  
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Your story is being written and woven into God's story.

God wants us to walk with Him in faith.

The Story Part 1 started in the Garden.  
Genesis 12, Part 2 of the story, God creates a new nation called Israel.

Listen to what David charges Solomon.

*"I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, act like a man, 3 and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go 4 and that the Lord may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.'* 1 Kings 2:1-4 NIV

#### **SOLOMON PLEASURES GOD BY ASKING FOR WISDOM**

*10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice...14 And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."* 1 Kings 3:10-11, 14 NIV

#### **SOLOMON WRITES WISDOM SO EVERYONE IN HIS REALM MAY BE WISE**

*The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: 2 for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; 3 for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; 4 for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—5 let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance— 6 for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.*

*7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:1-7 NIV*

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV*

We need to understand the principle of stewardship. To begin with it is not our income. All belongs to God and we are to do with it as He directs. When we do the 90% we are left with goes further in meeting the needs of the day. When we walk with God and live according to His principles He protects us and provides us.

#### **SOLOMON BUILDS A TEMPLE FOR GOD AND GROWS IN POPULARITY**

*The word of the Lord came to Solomon: 12 "As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. 1 Kings 6:11-12 NIV*

God also gives us a way to repair the relationship when we have gone astray.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV*

#### **SOLOMON WHO STARTED STRONG, ENDS POORLY**

*As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. 5 He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. 6 So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord; he did not follow the Lord completely, as David his father had done. 1 Kings 11:1-6*

Because Solomon's heart was divided towards God so will the kingdom be divided going forward.

What blessings in your life could become your downfall?

Be careful what you hold in your hands and behold with your eyes.

As believers and followers of Jesus:

Live to point others to Christ. That is our mission.