

I Tim. 6:9-10 “But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENT

THE SIN OF MULTIPLYING

Memory Verse: I Tim.6:9-10

Lesson Text: 2 Chr. 7:12-16

Lesson #2

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Solomon was never told that he could not have silver and gold, horses and wives but it was the multiplying of these things that ultimately led to his downfall.

Saints are to understand that even in heaven there is much gold and horses and chariots (II Kg. 2:11-12; Rev. 21) so as not to get the wrong opinion about material prosperity. We are told not to set our heart upon riches (Ps 62:10). God gave Solomon both riches and honor, was God then responsible for his downfall? Many things in life are for our enjoyment but these things can become a snare if we allow them to turn our hearts away from God.

I. SOLOMON’S RICHES

I Kg. 10:10-23;

2 Chr. 9:13-27

A. God Gave them to him

I Kg. 3:13

1. Incontinent – Unrestrained, uncontrolled.

I Cor. 7:5; II Tim. 3:3

2. Solomon displayed this by making every drinking vessel and every plate in his house of gold.

3. Compare this with Abraham.

Gen. 13:1-2;

Heb. 11:8-10

B. Was Solomon trying to imitate heaven?

Rev. 21:18

1. People in heaven are immortal and do not respond to material things the way we do.

2. What was the cause of Solomon’s failure in regard to great riches?

I Kg. 3:14

II. MULTIPLYING HORSES

1. Joshua did not depend on them for strength.

Josh. 11:1-11

2. The Midianites camels were without number.

Jdg. 7:12; Jdg. 6:5

3. Gideon depended on the sword of the Lord.

Jdg. 7:20

4. David depended on the power of God to win all of his battles.

Ps. 18:29

III. TRUST IN THE LORD

Pr. 3:5-6

1. Put all your trust in the Lord. Do not rely on your own understanding.

2. Think of Him in all your ways and He will smooth your path. Do not think how wise you are.

3. Although it is not stated, there must have come a time in Solomon’s life when he felt this way about himself.

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IV. MULTIPLYING WIVES

1. Polygamy was tolerated under the law (Ex. 21:10; Deut. 21:15-17), and before the gospel program (Acts 17:30); but it is forbidden in the New Testament (Mt 19:4-5).

2. David had several wives but it is never stated that any of them turned his heart away from the Lord.

V. WHEN IS TOO MUCH (OR TOO LITTLE) CONSIDERED MULTIPLYING?

1. When God increases you and you set your heart upon it. (This is covetousness.)

2. One can covet a little as much as a lot.

3. When whatever it is turns your heart away from God.