

1 Kings 10 paints a picture of Solomon at the height of his power—his wisdom, wealth, and kingdom were renowned across the world. The Queen of Sheba visited him to see for herself if his reputation was true, and after witnessing everything, she was overwhelmed.

While Solomon's success was impressive, this chapter holds key spiritual lessons about seeking wisdom, handling prosperity, and keeping our focus on God.

1. Seeking True Wisdom

The Queen of Sheba traveled a great distance just to hear Solomon's wisdom (1 Kings 10:1-3). She came with hard questions, and Solomon answered them all.

- **Personal Reflection:** Do you seek wisdom with the same eagerness? Are you intentional about seeking wisdom from God's Word and godly counsel?

James 1:5 tells us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." God invites us to seek His wisdom—not the world's—and He promises to give it to those who ask.

- **Application:** How much effort do you put into **growing in wisdom**? Are you reading Scripture, praying for understanding, and surrounding yourself with godly influences?

2. A Life That Points to God

When the Queen of Sheba saw Solomon's wisdom, the beauty of his palace, and the way he conducted himself, she responded by praising God:

"Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you" (1 Kings 10:9).

This means Solomon was living in such a way that people saw God's hand in his life. His prosperity and wisdom weren't just about him—they pointed others toward the Lord.

- **Personal Reflection:** When people observe your life, do they see God's blessings and presence? Does your character, attitude, and actions reflect His goodness?

Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

- **Application:** Ask yourself: **Does my life glorify God?** If someone observed my work, relationships, or habits, would they recognize God's presence?

3. Be Careful with Success

Solomon had everything—gold, ships, palaces, and armies. His wealth was so vast that silver was considered worthless in his time (1 Kings 10:21).

But here's the danger: Success and wealth can lead to pride, self-sufficiency, and spiritual decline.

Sadly, this chapter is a turning point in Solomon's life. His obsession with wealth, military power, and foreign alliances would eventually pull him away from God (1 Kings 11).

- **Personal Reflection:** Is success drawing you closer to God or making you more self-reliant?

Proverbs 30:8-9 warns us:

"Give me neither poverty nor riches—feed me with the food allotted to me; Lest I be full and deny You, and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God."

- **Application:** If God has blessed you with success, **are you using it to glorify Him or just to build your own kingdom?** Are you staying humble, generous, and dependent on Him?

4. Beware of Compromise

One subtle warning in this chapter is found in verse 14:

"The weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold."
(\$2.3 billion)

This number (666) is associated with worldly power and compromise (Revelation 13:18). While Solomon started out fully devoted to God, his wealth and alliances eventually led him to spiritual downfall.

He imported horses from Egypt (1 Kings 10:28), disobeying God's command not to return there for military strength (Deuteronomy 17:16).

- **Personal Reflection:** Are there **small compromises** in your life that could lead you away from God?

Most people don't wake up one day and decide to walk away from God. It happens slowly—a little compromise here, a little justification there, until our hearts drift.

- **Application:** Ask yourself: Am I making small decisions that could weaken my faith? Are my priorities shifting away from God in ways I haven't noticed?

5. Where Is Your Treasure?

Solomon's palace, throne, and wealth were legendary. Yet, all of it eventually faded.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:19-21:

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- **Personal Reflection:** Where is your focus—on earthly success or on things of eternal value?

Colossians 3:2 tells us: "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

- **Application:** What are you **investing in?** Are you **building God's kingdom or just accumulating things that won't last?**

Conclusion: Living a Life That Honors God

Solomon's life teaches us both the blessings of seeking God and the dangers of losing focus.

- Seek wisdom with the same passion as the Queen of Sheba.
- Live in a way that glorifies God and draws others to Him.
- Be careful with success—it can either strengthen or weaken your faith.
- Don't compromise in small ways; those choices add up.
- Invest in eternal treasures, not just earthly success.

Final Challenge: What Will Be Said of You?

The Queen of Sheba said, "They didn't tell me the half of it!"

If someone were to evaluate your life, what would they say? Would they see wisdom, generosity, humility, and God's presence? Or would they see someone who started strong but allowed worldly distractions to take over?

Stay faithful. Stay humble. Keep God first.