

A King Who Had It All

The Story Ch.13 p.p. 175-192

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Summary:

Solomon's heart was following the LORD when he asked wisdom as he begins his reign as king; however, he ends his reign with his heart turned to other gods.

Think about:

- God gave Solomon an incredible opportunity! We find this in 1 Kings 3:5 where God says, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Can you imagine? What would you ask for? What would it be?
- Solomon asked God to give him a wise, discerning, understanding heart. (*The Story*, p. 177)
- What does this mean? What would a heart like this look like in your life? How would it impact you at home? How about at work? What would it have to do with the way you spend your money or your time?
- Why is the condition of our hearts so important? (See Psalm 119:33-40; Proverbs 4:23)
- How can you know the status of your heart? (See Psalm 139:23-24)
- What can be done to change our hearts? (See Psalm 51:10)
- God not only gave Solomon what he did ask for, he also gave him what he didn't ask for. Why do you think this was so? What does this say about the nature of God as a giver? (See John 3:15, James 1:17)
- Solomon now has literally everything! He has what he asked for and even what he didn't ask for. Apparently this still wasn't enough to keep him from allowing his heart to wander. (See 1 Kings 11:1-4, *The Story*, p. 192)
- Read Jeremiah 17:9. What do you need to keep in mind about your heart?
- What has the potential to make your heart wander from God?

Take away:

Even though Solomon had it all, he still allowed his heart to wander from God.

Prayer:

Father, help me remember the status of my heart. Help me to keep my heart pure and focused on you. In Jesus' name, Amen.