

## II. The Messages

### #1. *An Unhappy Failure, of sorts, Solomon*

A. The texts: 1 Kings 1-11; 1 Chronicles 29:18 ff; 2 Chronicles 1-9

B. A quick analysis of his monarchy:

1. the appointment 1 K 1:30
2. the accession: securing the throne 1 K 1:32ff
3. Establishing his rule 1 K 2:23, 34, 46
4. An oversight 1K 3:1 and see v. 3 as well as 1 K 7:8
5. The prayer of humility: 1 K3:5-15---the first Divine vision  
Note a promise and a test <
6. His wisdom: 1 K 3:16; in summary 1 K 4:29ff
7. His administrative ability 1 K 4
8. The Temple work 1K 5-6; 7:2-51.
9. His Palace: 1 K 7:1
10. The time of Consecration 1K 8  
the conditional elements 1K 8:31-51 <
11. The second Vision; 9:1-9  
again a matter of promise and trust. <
12. Overall accomplishments. 1 K 9:10-28
13. Pride and.....1 K10
14. But 1 K11:1-3; and a move 11:4-8 < *2x12:1-7*
15. Divine Reproach 11:9-13
16. Trouble: 1 K11:14-43

C. Summary:

A very great man but a costly failure. The lesson is that the Lord must be the necessary authority in our enterprises. Forgetting Him (and His Word) is tantamount to failure and disappointment. A careful, Spirit guided walk is necessary in all things. Failure is not mandatory but is certain if the Lord is defied!

### #2. *Knowing the Right Things*

Please note the in the Ecclesiastes definition appendix the particular meanings given to “knowledge” “wisdom” “learning” and “folly”. Well, you don’t have to look them up but it might be beneficial! Solomon was unquestionably wise and he went to strengthen that wisdom by mastering many things. The seeking of knowledge was one of his major interests.