

"Four Things that Destroy Men"

Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, actually died as a despondent, cruel, hardened, and backslidden fool.

I. Deuteronomy 17:14-20 - GOD told Moses (about 1407 B.C.) to warn HIS People, that in the Promised Land, they would _____ the nations around them and ask for a King. GOD _____ them to have a King because:

- A. Kings would _____ them, and take _____ of them.
1. They would take their _____ for the military and to work their farms.
 2. They would take their _____ to cook, bake, clean, and produce trade goods. **1 Samuel 8:10-22**
 3. They would take their _____ fields, vineyards, livestock, and take at least _____ of everything they produced.
 4. GOD told them that when they _____ out for help, because of the wicked rulers they _____ selected, that HE would _____. 1 Sam. 8:18
- B. The people would end up looking to their _____ to meet their needs, rather than looking to their GOD.
- C. The choice to select a human king in 1050 B.C., was _____ to the ONE True King. 1 Samuel 8:7-9

II. These kings would be extremely _____ (like all of us) to four temptations, which would destroy them. All were _____. All were _____.

1. The Thirst for _____ Deut. 17:16

- A. The command was not to _____. In 1050 B.C. – the Horse, the chariot, and the mounted soldier brought great tactical _____ on the battlefield. The horse brought _____ movement and a powerful _____. Kings thirsted for horses, because horses made them feel _____.
- B. All humans have the desire to be _____. But we actually are far more secure, when _____ in the fact that our GOD is in control. 2 Cor. 12:9-10
- C. Lasting fulfillment comes not from not wielding power _____ people, but in _____ people in CHRIST's Name. Mark 10:44-45

2. The Danger of _____. **17:17** The Command was to “not _____ wives.”
- Sex within marriage is _____, _____, and important in the eyes of GOD. Outside of marriage sex will _____.
 - Sexual lust is like a _____. Prov. 6:24-33 Once it starts, it always wants _____. But illicit sex only produces pain, _____, bitterness, and a pattern of _____ others.
3. The Threat of _____. **17:17** The Command was to “not greatly increase _____ and _____.”
- A Person cannot _____ and money at the same time. Mt. 6:24
 - Unsurrendered _____ will always produce greed, because Life becomes all _____. Greed drives a person to think that they never have _____. Eccl.5:10
 - Then this produces _____ which causes a person to not obey GOD, because they think that GOD can't _____ for them.
Greed subtly keeps a person from _____ GOD, which is tragic.
4. The Poison of _____. **17:18-20**
- The Command was for the King to _____ in his own hand, under the supervision of the priests, his _____ of the Scriptures.
 - The process of _____ of writing and reading the Scriptures, would help the young king _____ GOD's Truth, and help him see life from GOD's perspective. This would keep the king from “_____ his heart above his countrymen.”
 - Pride makes _____ that you know what you are doing, when you don't have a clue. Pride causes you to not _____.
 - Pride will get you _____, get you killed, and ruin your marriage. It will destroy your _____, wreck your career, and send you _____ forever. James 4:6,10

Solomon's disobedience ruined his life:

- He multiplied _____ ... 1 Kings 10:26-29
- He multiplied _____ 1 Kings 11:1 –
- He multiplied silver and gold. 1 Kings 10:27
- He wouldn't _____, because he became proud. 1 Kings 11