I. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT SOLOMON?

A. His name is a variant of the Hebrew word “shalom” meaning peace.

B. His father was David and his mother was Bathsheba.

C. He was the third and last king of the United Kingdom of Israel.

D. He wrote several books in the O.T.
   1. Song of Solomon.
   2. Proverbs or most of it.
   3. Ecclesiastes, although contested by some. However, only Solomon fits the description of the author in the book itself.

E. He served as King for 40 years.

F. He was fabulously wealthy.

G. He had 700 wives and 300 concubines.

II. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM SOLOMON?

A. He had several weaknesses.
   1. He married pagan women.
   2. He married many women.
   3. He disobeyed God by acquiring great wealth.
   4. He worshiped both God and false gods due to his many pagan wives—Deu. 12:1-5.
   5. He didn’t finish well.

B. His had several strengths.
   1. He loved God.
   3. He built the Temple.
4. He wrote several wisdom books in the Bible.

C. Lessons from Solomon.

1. A strong start doesn’t guarantee a strong finish.

2. Be careful about marrying an unbeliever—“unequally yoked”.

3. Sin has consequences.

4. Knowing what’s right isn’t the same thing as doing what’s right.

III. TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF A LEADER FROM PROVERBS.


2. Integrity—Prov. 16:12.


5. Self-control—Prov. 28:15.


9. Not given to alcohol—Prov. 31:4-5.

10. Submissive to discipline—Prov. 21:11.