

A WISE FOOL
PROVERBS 1:7 / MARCH 4, 2018 / PM

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. He had several strengths.
 - 1. He loved God.
 - 2. He asked for wisdom instead of wealth—I Kings 3:6-13.
 - 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.

1. Wisdom—Prov. 1:7.
2. Integrity—Prov. 16:12.
3. Love for God and others—Prov. 20:28.
4. Seeking good advice—Prov. 11:14.
5. Self-control—Prov. 28:15.
6. Positive influence—Prov. 29:2.
7. Fairness—Prov. 29:14.
8. Secure in oneself—Prov. 29:25.
9. Not given to alcohol—Prov.31:4-5.
10. Submissive to discipline—Prov. 21:11.