

I. HE WROTE THE BOOKS! Joshua Harris “I Kissed Dating Goodbye”, Ravi Zacharias, (*My book*) I Kings 4:32, Ecclesiastes 12:12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

A. Proverbs Proverbs 1:1-7

1. Pyramid of learning

a) Knowledge Facts, information learned by teaching or experience Proverbs 1:4,5,7

Isaiah 28:9-10 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.

b) Wisdom Proverbs 1:2-7, 8:12 Skill to use knowledge - practice I Kings 7:14 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

c) Instruction Proverbs 1:3,7, Proverbs  
24:30-34 **Discipline to do**

d) Understanding Proverbs 1:2, 5-7, 4:4-7  
**Experience to apply what you have learned  
in new situations**

- What Solomon lacked was discipline.  
I Kings 3:12-14

2. Wise-Foolish person Proverbs 1:20-25 **Scale**  
**Wisest people can still make foolish decisions**  
Ecclesiastes 2:15-16, 10:1

B. Song of Solomon Song of Solomon 1:1 **The song of  
songs, which is Solomon's. One of the greatest love  
stories ever written.**

1. Found his one true love! Proverbs 31:10 **Who  
can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far  
above rubies. How many of you have found your  
“one true love?” How many of you settled for  
2nd best?**

2. “Expert on marriage” I Kings 11:3 **I knew a guy  
who was single was going to write a book on  
marriage. I have been married 40 years & teach  
the class on marriage and I don’t know what I am  
doing!**

3. Learned it too late Ecclesiastes 9:9

C. Ecclesiastes Ecclesiastes 12:1,13

1. Not as smart as I thought I was Ecclesiastes  
1:16-18

a) Cannot go back and change it! Ecclesiastes 1:15

b) Youth is wasted on the young! Ecclesiastes 11:9-10

2. Calls himself “preacher” Ecclesiastes 1:1, 12:9-12 **Can I be honest with you? It is easier to preach it than to live it!** vs. 12 **Some of the people with the most books are doing the worst!**

D. Psalms **Solomon wrote 2 of the Psalms**

1. Psalm 72 - **Basically a prayer that he would be a good king & do right. Did great as a king - not so much in his personal life.** II Kings 2:12, I Chronicles 29:28

2. Psalm 127:1-5 **His heritage?** II Chronicles 12:1 **And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him.**

II. HE HAD IT ALL! Ecclesiastes 2:8-11

A. Money does not buy happiness Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 **Weight of gold in 1 year?** I Kings 10:14 **Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold.**

**800,000 oz. = \$1,488,800,000 at today's prices!!! How much more do you think would have made him happy?**

1. Lack of contentment I Timothy 6:6-10

2. I don't want to be rich or poor Proverbs 30:7-9  
*"I've been rich and I've been poor, and rich is better."* Mae West (committed suicide)

B. Fame & Power I Kings 4:29-31,34

1. Began to believe his own publicity I Kings 8:61, 11:4

a) Not good enough Matthew 19:16-21

b) Not what he did Ephesians 2:8-9 He didn't just go to church - He built it!

c) Can't buy salvation I Peter 1:18-19

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

d) Receive it Romans 10:9-10,13, while you can. Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?  
I Kings 11:9

2. Pride was his downfall Proverbs 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

C. Women I Kings 11:1-4

1. How many is too many? Matthew 5:20 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. Don't think anyone here has 700 wives & 300 concubines - **Porn!**

a) Especially damaging I Corinthians 6:18

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

b) Never satisfied Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

c) You will be burned Proverbs 6:25,  
27-28,32-33

2. Find a good thing Proverbs 18:22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.

III. HAD IT HIS WAY Deuteronomy 17:16-17 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

A. Did everything God said not to do! I Kings 9:4-7

**“I'm different.” “It won't happen to me!” I can handle it!” “I know what I am doing!” I don't need anyone to**

“tell me what to do.” 9x in Proverbs he warns about the strange woman. I Kings 11:1-8 Should have listened to his own advice!

B. Would not listen to counsel I Kings 12:6-8 17x he advises counsel in Proverbs Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established. Should have listened to his own advice!

C. It was more about his kingdom than God’s Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Cp. I Kings 3:3 to 8:60-61 to 11:4 What is the one thing you are holding onto that is keeping you from giving your whole heart to God?