

Spiritual bankruptcy

1 Kings 11:1-10

- I. Spiritual corruption happens gradually: Solomon continually ignored God's word (1 Kings 11:1-3; Deuteronomy 17:16-20).
 - A. Don't make foreign treaties based on marriage (Exodus 34:15-16; Deuteronomy 7:3; 1 Kings 3:1).
 - B. Don't accumulate lots of horses, especially from Egypt (Deuteronomy 17:16; 1 Kings 10:26, 28).
 - C. Don't accumulate lots of wives (Deuteronomy 17:17a; 1 Kings 11:3).
 - D. Don't accumulate lots of money (Deuteronomy 17:17b; 1 Kings 10:14-21; see 12:4).
 - E. Know God's word and be totally committed to it (Deuteronomy 17:18-20; 1 Kings 8:23-26; 56-58).
 - What most easily distracts me from God's word?

- II. A corrupted heart is spiritually disastrous: Solomon eventually turned to false gods (1 Kings 11:4-10).
 - A. Solomon's wives turned his heart from the Lord (11:4).
 - B. Solomon began to worship foreign gods (11:5-6).
 - C. Solomon built pagan altars to please his wives (11:7-8).
 - What relationships could turn me away from full devotion to God and his word?
 - D. The Lord became angry at Solomon (11:9-10).
 - What trend in my life right now is spiritually dangerous?