

How A Heart Is Turned Away

(I Kings 11:1-13)

Introduction

What happens to people as they get older? Some are captivated by the things of God, yet others are interested but fall away! Why?

Two young men, Josh and Jacob, were members of the same youth ministry, participants in the same activities, recipient of the same teaching, and both professed Christ. Josh attended a couple of years of college, but found that it wasn't for him. However, his passion for Christ continued. Jacob attended college for a year, met a girl and settled down. He is at best, a casual Christian.

Why the different results? Why didn't both follow the path of passion for Christ?

Solomon, the third King of Israel, was a man that sought God early in life. However, as time progressed, he drifted. His passion for God was different.

Why?

I. Evidence of A Heart for God (11:9)

A) His Choice (I Kings 3:5-10)

B) His Blessings (I Kings 4:20-21)

C) His Fame (I Kings 10:23-24)

II. Escalation of A Heart Turned From God

A) Forgetting (Psalm 103:1-2)

B) Familiarity (I Kings 2:1-4)(II Chronicles 8:11-13)

C) Failed Accountability (I Kings 9:1, 17-19)

III. Encounters with God Concerning His Heart

A) Pleased (I Kings 3:5-14)

B) Alarmed (I Kings 9:4-9)

C) Angered (I Kings 11:9-13)

IV. Eliminating A Heart Turned From God

A) Thankful Heart

B) Sensitive Heart

C) Submissive Heart

Conclusion