



#10: The Achievement Trap

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ABOUT THE SERIES

The captivating life of King Solomon shows that even the wisest can climb sky-high or hit rock bottom. This series delves into his story to help us see how the choices we make shape our journey and determine the direction our lives take.

MESSAGE

Watch the sermon. As you watch, use the outline to follow along or take notes on anything that stands out to you.

NOTES

Can the pursuit of wealth, power, and reputation, if driven by noble intentions, truly be harmless? In this sermon, we'll explore how the very accomplishments that defined King Solomon's reign also posed significant spiritual risks that eventually led to his downfall, serving as a reminder to us of the temporary nature of earthly success and the enduring value of fearing, trusting, and obeying God.

FOUR EARTHLY ACHIEVEMENT TRAPS TO AVOID

1. Possessing great power and influence (ch. 9:10-14)

2. Building impressive structures and putting up monuments (ch. 9:15-28)
3. Having a respected, celebrated reputation (ch. 10:1-9)
4. Accumulating great wealth and prosperity (ch. 10:10-29)

THE KEY TO LASTING GREATNESS (ch. 9:1-9)

- Fear God. Trust and obey Him.

REFLECT and DISCUSS

1. Take a few minutes to talk about the message. What specifically stood out to you or challenged your perspective about the way you live out your faith?
2. What material success have you pursued that felt fulfilling at the moment but later seemed insignificant?
3. What achievements might be leading you away from a deeper relationship with God?
4. In what ways can you cultivate a heart of obedience and integrity? Is there a specific commitment or change you feel prompted to make to align your life more closely with God's statutes and judgments? What steps will you take to initiate this change?
5. Considering the "book of remembrance" in Malachi, what specific action can you take to ensure your name is remembered by God for something positive? What spiritual investments can you make today that will have an eternal impact?

PRAYER

Close your time together with prayer.