



#11: A Recipe for Disaster

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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

Watching the downfall of someone exceptional and remarkably influential, who seemed to have it all, is undeniably heart-breaking. It hits even harder if that person claims to be a follower of Jesus Christ. How do we avoid the pitfall of being checkmated into a downward spiral like what happened to King Solomon? We look at five unspiritual ingredients that make up a recipe for a disastrous life.

THE 5 INGREDIENTS IN A RECIPE FOR DISASTER

1. Surrounding yourself with bad (spiritual) influence (v. 1-3)

2. Allowing your heart to drift and not be loyal to God (v. 4-5)
3. Forgetting that partial obedience is no obedience at all (v. 6)
4. Desiring to please people more than to please God (v. 7-8)
5. Ignoring God's reminders and willfully sinning (v. 9-10)

THE RESULT

The Fall of a once great person who had it all (v. 11-43)

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. Consider the company you keep, the loyalty of your heart, your obedience to God, whom you aim to please, and your responsiveness to divine guidance. Would you say that your life right now is headed towards a good end, or is it headed for disaster? Why do you think so?
3. Which disaster ingredient mentioned in the sermon do you struggle with? What makes it a challenge for you? What practical steps can you take to remove that ingredient in your life?

PRAYER

Close your time together with prayer.