

and participation in the worship of the false gods of foreign wives, and less reliance on the Lord to establish Solomon's kingdom and his descendants on the throne.

(3) The third thing wrong with it is that multiplying gold and silver tends toward pride of possession, pride of power, and self-glory, and less humility, less love to the Lord, and less seeking of His glory.

**AFTER ALL, WHO NEEDS THE LORD WHEN YOU HAVE A POCKETFUL OF MONEY?**

Solomon began his rule as a man of great wisdom and understanding and discernment. And yet the desire to gratify his sinful appetites drew him away from God and toward idolatry.

**BUT HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED? AND COULD IT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED?**

Let me ask some pointed questions – questions that relate to application.

Could we ever come to the place in our lives where we abuse God's gifts of our lives, our bodies, and our possessions by using them to satisfy our sinful appetites?