

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"The Man Who Had It All"

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There was once a man who lived what many would call a fairy tale life. He had everything money could buy. He had kingly power. He was famous far and wide. He had one of the supreme scientific minds of his day. From his great wisdom, he authored works of literature that are widely read to this day. The top line of his income statement each year read "25 tons of gold." (Figure that up at \$300 per ounce!) He would have made the people showcased on "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" look like poverty-stricken gutter rats by comparison.

Even more fascinating is the fact that all of these things came directly as a blessing from the hand of God Himself. King Solomon was a man hugely blessed of God in his early years. But there was a fatal flaw in the character of King Solomon that became clear as his life went on. The Bible says that "...his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God as the heart of his father David had been." Over the years, he began to take his relationship with God for granted. He let his initial fervent love for the Lord gradually seep away to lukewarm.

If he'd only looked earnestly into the Word of God, he may have realized! In fact, each king of Israel was to write out the words of God's law for himself and then continually read and study it. If

Solomon had done this, he most surely would have come across Deuteronomy 17: 16 that says, "The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself..." Solomon had 12,000! It goes on to say, "[The king] must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray." Solomon took "seven hundred

wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines." In I Kings 11: 3-6, God's Word goes on to say that, "As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods... so Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord."

"I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure..." These are the

words of King Solomon recorded in Ecclesiastes 2: 10.

Can money, power and fulfilling your every fleshly desire gain you happiness? No, they cannot. Take it from someone who's "been there, done that." Solomon knows. He can tell you.

When he was a bitter and disillusioned old man, Solomon repeated over and over again in the book of Ecclesiastes that all these things were "meaningless, a chasing after the wind."

You were created by God to have a relationship with Him. You were made to live in His love. Your fulfillment comes only from knowing and loving His Son Jesus. You can do that only when you've repented of your sin, received forgiveness and been born-again. Then you must be sure your heart is fully devoted to the Lord your God and that it stays that way all the days of your life. Read His Word and obey it! Don't let your love for God grow cold as Solomon did. Don't chase after the fleeting things of this world that cannot give lasting peace. You can't be a Christian and keep Jesus off in a corner of your life, only to be pulled out and paraded in front of your friends or pastor on Christmas, Easter and a few other Sunday mornings.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Get on Track

In this age of fast travel and confusing schedules, it is easy to lose track of our lives.

There are two tracks...God's track and ours. The question is how can we join those two tracks into one without too many bumps and jolts as we travel through our lives? The answer may be easier than we think!

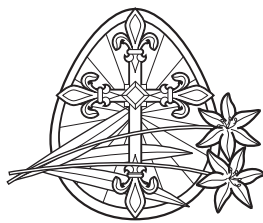
God has a plan for our lives...a destination. We also have plans and goals, things we want to do and achieve. As we worship God each week and discover His will for our lives, He will give us direction. With His help, the two tracks can converge smoothly into one.

Get on track...God's track. Have a safe journey.



Sunday Genesis 42.1-38	Monday Genesis 43.1-34	Tuesday Genesis 44.1-34	Wednesday Genesis 45.1-28	Thursday Genesis 46.1-27	Friday Genesis 46.28-47.12	Saturday Genesis 47.13-31
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Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, May 1, 8, 15, 2009.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARGIE L. ROGERS, formerly known as MARGIE L. THOMPSON, Deceased

Case No. 2008-PR-47
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Ronald L. Thompson, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Margie L. Rogers, formerly known as Margie L. Thompson, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs

be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; and that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 26th day of May, 2009, at 1:30 o'clock P.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Ronald L. Thompson, Executor

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•PUBLIC NOTICE• MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE JEANNIE S. POAGE DEFENDANT

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
NATIONAL CITY REAL ESTATE SERVICES, LLC SBM NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, INC. FLA NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., DBA COMMONWEALTH UNITED MORTGAGE COMPANY PLAINTIFF
Case No. 09CV20 Div. No. K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure
JEANNIE S. POAGE DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Kansas to: JEANNIE S. POAGE; JOHN DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN); MARY DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN); MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, III, SERVE; RESIDENT AGENT

and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees; creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, by National City Real Estate Services, LLC Sbm National City Mortgage, Inc. Fla National City Mortgage Co., Dba Commonwealth United Mortgage Company for judgment in the sum of \$37,646.58, plus interest, costs and other relief, judgment that plaintiff's lien is a first lien on the said real property and sale of said property to satisfy the indebtedness, said property described as follows, to wit:

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and you are hereby required to plead to said petition in said Court at Norton, Kansas on or before the 15th day of June, 2009.

Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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