

Solomon's Other Activities - 2 Chronicles 8:1-18

Topics: Choices, Desires, History, Holiness, Hypocrisy, Leadership, Obedience, Sacrifice, Slavery, Wealth

Open It

1. How can a person lose the skills he or she has developed in a sport or other pursuit?
- * 2. What makes someone a hypocrite?

Explore It

3. How many years did it take Solomon to complete the temple and his own palace? (8:1)
- * 4. What kind of success did Solomon have as king of Israel? (8:1-18)
5. What did Solomon do with the villages that Hiram had given to him? (8:2)
6. Besides rebuilding the villages that Hiram gave him, what building projects did Solomon undertake? (8:3-6)
7. What groups of people did Solomon conscript into a slave labor force? (8:7-9)
8. What did Solomon do for his wife (who was also Pharaoh's daughter)? (8:11)
- * 9. Why did Solomon not want Pharaoh's daughter living in David's palace where the ark of the Lord was kept? (8:11)
- * 10. What was Solomon's habit in regard to sacrifices and offerings to the Lord? (8:12-13)
11. In what ways did Solomon continue the routines that his father had started? (8:14-15)
12. What did Hiram's ships obtain for Solomon? (8:17-18)

Get It

- * 13. What might cause us to grow lax in our relationship with God?
14. Why might Solomon have felt uncomfortable or guilty about Pharaoh's daughter living in the same palace with the ark of the Lord?
15. Why might Solomon have married foreign wives and tolerated their worship of false gods?
- * 16. What "small" or "unrelated" decisions do we make that can lead us away from God?
17. How could Solomon be making daily sacrifices to God and yet ignore God's command in his daily decisions?
18. How does a person justify going to church regularly and ignoring some of God's commands during the week?

Apply It

- * 19. When ungodly influences take root in your life, how might you find the wisdom and resolve to eliminate them?
20. What "mirror" can you use to discover the inconsistencies between your religious talk and your daily living?