THE

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The weight of the gold that Solomon received yearly was 25 tons, not including the revenues brought in by merchants and traders. Also all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the territories brought gold and silver to Solomon.

~ 2 Chronicles 9:13-14

The king made a great throne covered with ivory and overlaid with pure gold. The throne had six steps, and a footstool of gold was attached to it. On both sides of the seat were armrests, with a lion standing beside each of them. Twelve lions stood on the six steps, one at either end of each step. Nothing like it had ever been made for any other kingdom.

~ 2 Chronicles 9:17-19

Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horses.

~ 2 Chronicles 9:25

The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones...

~ 2 Chronicles 9:27

4 Reasons So Many People are Materialistic

- I. <u>Affinity</u>
- II. AIMLESSNESS

I tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards. I made gardens and parks, filling them with all kinds of fruit trees. I built reservoirs to collect the water to irrigate my many flourishing groves. I bought slaves, both men and women, and others were born into my household. I also owned large herds and flocks, more than any of the kings who had lived in Jerusalem before me. I collected great sums of silver and gold, the treasure of many kings and provinces.

~ Ecclesiastes 2:4-8

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- I. AFFINITY
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- III. ACCESSIBILITY

Anything I wanted, I would take.

~ Ecclesiastes 2:10

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- I. AFFINITY
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- III. ACCESSIBILITY
- IV. AFFIRMATION

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth – except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers!

~ Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

May our sons flourish in their youth like well-nurtured plants.

May our daughters be like graceful pillars, carved to beautify a palace.

May our barns be filled with crops of every kind.

May the flocks in our fields multiply by the thousands,

even tens of thousands,

and may our oxen be loaded down with produce.

May there be no enemy breaking through our walls, no going into captivity, no cries of alarm in our town squares.

Yes, joyful are those who live like this!

Joyful indeed are those whose God is the Lord.

God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh.

~ Luke 6:20-21

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