

Sermon Study Guide – 1 Kings 7:1-12

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Title: “The House of Solomon”

Sermon Idea: God’s house is more important than our house.

Key Points:

Warning Light #1: Avoid distraction. Be kingdom focused.

Warning Light #2: Avoid coveting. Be content.

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that it is easy to get caught up in materialism in a consumer culture. We need to avoid getting preoccupied with stuff, compartmentalizing our spiritual life, and coveting the American Dream.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) be kingdom-focused, (2) cap their spending to give more, (3) and keep Jesus and His kingdom as the main thing.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need to keep God first in our lives.

Recommended Resources: “*Between Walden and the Whirlwind,*” Jean Fleming; “*Don’t Waste Your Life,*” John Piper

Intro: What is the American Dream to you? How would you define it?

Dig:

Day 1: 1 Kings 7:1-12 describes the building of Solomon’s palace complex. The writer of Kings brings out a contrast between the length of time it took to build it compared to the temple (cp. 1 Kings 6:38). Why do you think the writer makes this contrast?

Day 2: Exodus 20:17 is one of the Ten Commandments. What does it say? Define coveting in your own words.

Day 3: Matthew 6:25-34 are Jesus’ teaching about being content and having enough. What is most convicting for you as you read this?

Day 4: Romans 1:18-25 indicts humanity for worshipping created things rather than God. What “truth about God has been exchanged for

a lie?” What are we believing when we worship created things rather than God?

Day 5: Revelation 3:14-22 are the words of the Lord to the church at Laodicea. What issue is God bringing up to them? How are we possibly guilty of the same in the American church in our time?

Apply:

1. Avoid distractions by focusing on God’s kingdom. Consider simplifying your life by removing anything that’s taking your time and energy yet is unimportant.
2. Avoid coveting by being content. Consider upping your giving by 1% in the next year and continuing to live at the same standard of living into the future.

Pray: Father God, You are the only One who can fully satisfy our soul. Forgive us for our idolatry and covetousness. Help us to find our hope and happiness, significance and security in You and You alone. Amen.
