

The Undivided Heart

Learning from the Rise and Fall of King Solomon

The Pattern of Spiritual Decline

A Wise and Blessed Beginning
Solomon started well, receiving a "wise and understanding heart" and building God's temple.

The Turning Point: A Divided Heart

Solomon's 1,000 pagan wives turned his heart away from God toward foreign idols



Ashtoreth
Sidonians
Goddess followed by Solomon



Milcom
Ammonites
Abhorrent idol of the nations



Chemosh
Moab
Abhorrent idol on the hill of Jerusalem

Three Steps to an Undivided Heart

3. Give Thought to Consequences
Recognize that idolatry can wreck your life and lead to severe divine discipline.

2. Give Up Your False Gods
Ruthlessly identify and reject anything you would not give up for God.

1. Give Your Whole Heart to God
Love God above all things so that other loves take their proper place.

Severe Consequences for Compromise

Because of Solomon's idolatry, God promised to tear the kingdom away from his line.