

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"The Man Who Had It All"

By Jerry Cummings, Pastor of Living Hope Fellowship, Norton

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 show-cased 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."

First Shoes



A great king, so the legend goes, once stepped on a thorn in his garden. In a furious rage, he ordered his prime minister to cover his entire kingdom with leather. "Your majesty," replied the wise prime minister, "let me cover your feet with leather, and wherever you go, you will be protected." And so the first pair of shoes was made.

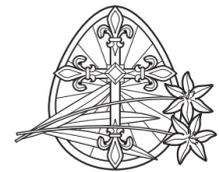
A child's first pair of shoes is special, safeguarding tiny feet as first steps are taken. But, the journey through life will not be free of thorns, and more than shoes will be needed to provide protection along the way.

A child will need to develop moral fiber to protect his character just as those first shoes protected his feet. We can't carpet the whole world, but we can acquire the faith and courage which will enable us to walk life's rocky paths.

Our house of worship can help us develop character. God points the way to happy, wholesome living - both for the adult with the burdens of life on his shoulders - and for the little child in her first pair of shoes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	Psalms	Psalms	
1.18-31	2.1-16	3.1-23	4.1-21		19	37

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
H. OLENE HILLEBRAND, Deceased

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of
H. OLENE HILLEBRAND, Deceased
Case No. 2008-PR-40

NOTICE OF HEARING
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas
To all Persons Concerned:
You are hereby notified that on
September 10, 2008, a Petition For
Probate Of Will And Issuance Of Letters
Testamentary was filed in this Court by
Raymond E. Hillebrand, an heir, devisee
and legatee, and Executor named in the
Last Will and Testament of H. Olene
Hillebrand, deceased, dated September
3, 1999, praying that the Will filed with
the Petition be admitted to probate
and record, that he be appointed as
Executor without bond and that he be

granted letters Testamentary.
You are required to file your written
defenses thereto on or before October
3rd, 2008 at 3:30 o'clock p.m. of such
day, in this Court, in the City of Norton,
Norton County, Kansas, at which time
and place the cause will be heard.
Should you fail, judgment and decree
will be entered in due course upon the
Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their
demands against the estate within four
months from the date of first publication
of this Notice, as provided by law, and
if their demands are not thus exhibited,
they shall be forever barred.

Raymond E. Hillebrand,
Petitioner
John F. McClymont, #09379
RYAN, WALTER &
MCCLYMONT, Chtd.
120 S. State - P.O. box 364
Norton, Kansas 67854
785-877-5183

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

INVITATION TO BID

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids will be received by Norton County, Kansas,
at the Office of the County Clerk for the Construction of:
Project No. 03-020M

Norton County Landfill Project - Phase 3 Development
until 1:00 p.m. on the 29th day of September, 2008 at which time and place the
Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Copies of the Drawings and other Contract Documents are on file and available
for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk, Norton County, Kansas
and BG Consultants, Inc., 2508 West 15th Avenue, Emporia, Kansas 66801
(820-343-7842).

A complete set of the Contract Documents may be obtained by a prospective
bidder by sending a cash deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), along with a written
request for a said set of documents. ADDRESSED TO: BG Consultants Inc., 2508
West 15th Avenue, Emporia, Kansas 66801.

Each Bidder may receive a refund No Refund dollars after the return of all
described documents in good condition within thirty (30) days after the date of
Bid opening.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive formalities in
considering Bids and to accept the Bid which, in its opinion, is the best Bid.

Principal Items of Work:	
Unclassified Excavation	28,440 Cu. Yds.
Compaction (MSW Liner)	3,511 Cu. Yds.
Compaction (Type B MR-90)	1,907 Cu. Yds.
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