

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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***"But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites— from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely, they will turn away your hearts after their gods.' Solomon clung to these in love."***

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, had a major fault line in his life. Deep beneath the surface was a crack in his life that was exploited by the enemy of our souls. Solomon had a longing to please himself and please the women around him. Solomon was greatly gifted and that brings with it incredible responsibility and an extraordinary level of temptation, subtle temptation. Solomon explicitly disobeyed the LORD in one area of his life. Even though the outward manifestation was that he had a problem with women, the inward problem was "his heart was not loyal" that is wholeheartedly devoted to his God. Amazing as it might seem, Solomon allowed his heart to drift, to drift away from the God who had put the entire world in his hand.

There is a universal principle at play in this chapter that must not be overlooked. If we are going to please God, we must take responsibility to guard our hearts. It is in our heart/mind that everything begins. God renders his Divine verdict in verse four, ***"his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David."*** The "heart" here is not the "blood pumper!" Over eight hundred times the word is used in the Bible, it always refers to the inward most part of his being, his mind, the place where we commune with our maker and decisions are made. Solomon lost his way because he lost his heart. Guard your heart. Guard your mind. The Lord Jesus said, we cannot serve two masters. He said, ***"...Love the LORD your God with your heart"***, your soul, your mind, your strength..." That is, with the totality of our being! If not, we become vulnerable to the enemies' false loves and lies.

### ***Prayer and Action Steps***

*You do not have to do anything to drift on water. Do nothing and you drift. God, please help me to make an effort every day, by your grace to seek your face, in your Word. Amen*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?  
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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?  
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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?  
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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_  
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