

# Family Secrets: Image Isn't Everything

Week 1 of 4

YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE ... / WHY DO SOME FAMILIES... / NO SECRET SAUCE

## THE FAMILY SECRETS:

- 👉 Image Isn't Everything
- 👉 Love is a Top Down Thing
- 👉 Ground Rules are Foundational
- 👉 The Life You Live is the Legacy You Leave

TODAY, THE FIRST SECRET, BUT FIRST PRAY / IS IT LIVE ACTION? / CHICK FLICKS / REALITY??

IT TAKES GREAT WISDOM TO KNOW THE TRUTH AND GREAT STRENGTH TO LIVE IT.

## King Solomon's Family Secrets

### WHEN IT CAME TO FAMILY ISSUES,

SOLOMON HAD ***l i t t l e h e l p*** FROM HIS PARENTS.

GP: I BET MANY OF YOU CAN RELATE / RICH DAD, POOR DAD, BAD DAD

- 👉 His dad (David) had "shed much ***b l o o d***" (1 Chronicles 22:8).
- 👉 His dad was a murdering ***a d u l t e r e r*** (2 Samuel 11).
- 👉 He was the ***c h i l d*** of that adultery (2 Samuel 12:24).

### AS KING, HE HAD A ***g r e a t i m a g e***.

1 Kings 3:16-28 (p. 234)

1 Kings 4:29-34

*The weight of the gold that Solomon received yearly was 666 talents,*

1 Kings 10:14

*He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines...*

1 Kings 11:3

*King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. The whole world sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart. Year after year, everyone who came brought a gift—articles of silver and gold, robes, weapons and spices, and horses and mules.*

1 Kings 10:23-25

### BUT, IMAGE ISN'T EVERYTHING!

1 Kings 11:1-4 (p. 242)

ILL: SHOW THE FAMILY PORTRAITS

GROWING IN SOLOMON'S FAMILY WAS A CANCER OF PRIDE AND SELF-ABSORPTION -&gt; REHOBAM

*The king [Rehoboam] answered the people harshly. Rejecting the advice given him by the elders, he followed the advice of the young men and said, "My father made your yoke heavy; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions."*

1 Kings 12:13-14

ILL: MOLD IN CHICAGO HOME, TUCKPOINTING? VENTING? PAINTING? / IN THE SAME WAY, FAMILIES

***No matter where we come from or where we are now, we aren't s m a r t enough to lead healthy families.***

THE WISEST MAN IN THE WORLD COULDN'T DO IT / BECAUSE HE FORGOT SOMETHING.

## The Secret Sauce

1 Kings 3:5-15 (p. 234)

IN HUMILITY, RECOGNIZE YOUR NEED / ASK FOR WISDOM / SEEK IT / LIVE IT / REPEAT

*The starting point for family success is the ***w i s d o m*** of God.*

*If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*

James 1:5

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.*

Psalm 19:7-8

***Invest in the i n t e r n a l and the rest will come.***

**I'M ASKING FOR YOU TO MAKE A FOUR WEEK INVESTMENT IN THE INTERNAL ISSUES OF YOUR FAMILY AND IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY SINGLE, TO USE THESE WEEKS TO PREPARE YOURSELF INTERNALLY.**

**ILL: PREGNANCY -> YOU CAN'T WORK ON YOUR INTERNAL STUFF WHILE PROTECTING YOUR IMAGE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER SHARING YOUR FAMILY SECRETS WITH SOMEONE YOU TRUST.**