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SECRETS OF SOLOMON

W i s d o m & \$ u c c e s s



*“Keep company with the wise
and you will become wise”*

Solomon

"Secrets of Solomon" is a book easy to read, full of quotations from ancient and contemporary sages: Publilius Syrus, Seneca, Marquês de Maricá, John C. Maxwell, Steven K. Scott, T. Harv Eker, among others. The book was inspired by Proverbs of Solomon, who is considered by many as the wisest and richest king of all time. After studying the life and work of King Solomon, and the reason for his great wisdom and wealth, the author gives to know the 12 secrets of Solomon to success. These secrets will transform your life as they did with many people throughout History, if you put them into practice. Learn from the wise and you will become one. As a result, you will experience prosperity in all areas of your life.

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WISDOM

*Wisdom is the secret key
for have riches and glory.
She has enormous prosperity
and a very lasting plenty!
She loves those who love her,
the one that seeks for her, finds.
Is Wisdom who brings us hope,
a future and a long life...
Her mission is help to thrive,
the knowledge gives power.
He who correction despises
has poverty, and disaster.
You want to better your life,
you want invest in tomorrow?
You only have to seek Wisdom,
and simply, success will follow.*

Daniel de Oliveira
(in "Poetics IV")

INTRODUCTION

"If you live according to nature,
you will never be poor;
If you live according to opinion,
you will never be rich."

Epicurus

What is the secret of one of the most powerful men who ever lived?

Solomon, son of King David, was the third king of Israel and lived during the tenth century BC. He became famous because of his great wisdom and wealth, higher than any other king on earth who lived before and after him. His reign was long (about 40 years), full of peace and prosperity. And even without war, he received the voluntary tribute of all neighboring kingdoms (according to some chronologies, 971-931 BC).

Today, we studied the route and the history of all those who achieve success, regardless of their area of expertise. And we can learn about their methods and strategies that led them to achieve success. However, I consider fundamental: study the life and work of one of the most successful men ever.

Harv Eker in his book "Secrets of the Millionaire Mind" reveals that when he was in a particularly difficult time, received the following advice that changed his life: "If you thought the way rich people do and did what rich people do, do you believe you could become rich too? All you have to do is copy how rich people think".

Well, I believe that if we think and act like Solomon, we will experience great results. Because he was not only rich, but the richest of all! So, it was established as a great example for us. However, I warn you since now: the wealth that Solomon offers goes far beyond material wealth. It has to do with prosperity in every way of life.

All you will find in this book is not original. In fact, if you have any hope of finding some "novelty", regret to inform you but will be disappointed. As Jim Rohn said: "Everything you need for your better future and success has already been written".

Personally, I have no merit by any statement in this book. Everything I learned was through others. And even the statements of Solomon, are not unique. They were taught by many sages throughout History.

This proves precisely the universality and truth of these principles. Many things change from generation to generation but in essence, the human being remains the same. So it makes sense, learn from those who have gone

before us. "Yet, they are not secrets but truths which every man must first learn and then follow" (George S. Clason).

More than a book to be read, "Secrets of Solomon" is a manual to reflect and digest slowly. Each section functions as a small daily meditation. Where, you will learn truths that can change your life, if you put them into practice. Welcome to this journey.

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RICHEs OF SOLOMON

THE RICHER AND WISER MAN

"King Solomon was richer and wiser than any other king"

"Solomon was wiser than the wise men of the East
or the wise men of Egypt.

He was the wisest of all men"

I Kings 10:23, 4:30-31

"Even the heartiest skeptic must admit what wise men and kings and queens the world over once acknowledged - that Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived" (Steven K. Scott). In human History, the word "Wisdom" will always be associated with the name "Solomon". It is impossible to disassociate both. Probably, Solomon is the father of all personal development literature. So it is essential for us: return to the source.

The fact that Solomon was very rich and also very wise, can lead us to question whether there is any relationship between wealth and wisdom? Does the wisdom and wealth are associated? Does wisdom is the natural path to wealth? If we are wiser, richer we will be?

Solomon thought so. He said there was a close relationship between true wisdom and true wealth. However, he warns that it is possible to be "rich" without being wise. But for anyone who becomes wise, wealth will be a natural consequence.

The prosperity that Solomon promises to those who follow the path of wisdom, involves all aspects of life: spiritual, emotional, intellectual, physical, family, professional, social and material. According to the dictionary, "prosperity" means "quality or state that is prosperous, happiness, progress, wealth". This is the fate of those who follow the wisdom, or in the words of Steven K. Scott: "True success is a natural byproduct of Solomon's wisdom".

And for our benefit, Solomon wrote a real treaty of wisdom for all those who want to live a prosperous life in all areas: the Book of Proverbs. A book that is part of the Bible, the best-selling book of all time! "A vast amount of leadership wisdom lies within the 31 chapters of Proverbs", contains "excellent principles for guiding one's life" (John C. Maxwell). And who better than the wisest man in the world to be our mentor?

LEARNING FROM SOLOMON

"Keep company with the wise and you will become wise."

Proverbs 13:20

If you absorb the truths in this book, and put into practice in your day-to-day, you will walk toward success. Listen to what it says John C. Maxwell, the leading expert in today's leadership: "Embrace the disciplines and the character that Solomon suggests, and you will be on your way to transforming your leadership".

Your real focus should not be to reach the "goal", but take pleasure in walking. If you concentrate on practice wisdom, success will be just a consequence. But if you're "obsessed" with success, will seek "shortcuts" to reach "faster" and will hurt yourself. In fact, there are no "shortcuts" to the true, full and lasting success. The only feasible and safe way, is what Solomon calls "way of wisdom". Focus on walking this path, and you will reap the good fruits of that. Deviate from this path, and the fruit will be bitter.

The reality is that all problems are wisdom problems. If you seek wisdom in all things, you will find the solution to all problems. And not just today, people look for the solution of their problems. In the time of Solomon, all the people came to be with him to learn to be successful. And they became prosperous. Do the same, learning from Solomon, and you will prosper.

GOLD OR WISDOM?

"And the whole world wanted to come
and listen to the wisdom that God had given him.

Everyone who came brought him a gift:
articles of silver and gold,
robes, weapons, spices, horses, and mules.
This continued year after year."

I Kings 10:24-25

In this passage, you may notice the following principle: The more wisdom you have, the more wisdom you can share. And the more wisdom you share, the more wisdom you may have. In fact it's a cycle: If you sow wisdom - in yourself or in others - more wisdom you will get.

We can also observe the relationship between wisdom and wealth of Solomon. People were not only happy to hear the wisdom of Solomon, but they were also grateful: Expressing its deep appreciation through valuable offers, including gold. We can see the value of wisdom in people's lives: they exchanged gold for wisdom!

George S. Clason, in the book "The Richest Man in Babylon", asks the question: "A bag heavy with gold or a clay tablet carved with words of wisdom; if thou hadst thy choice, which wouldst thou choose?" Do you know the

answer of most people? "Ignore the wisdom and waste the gold. On the morrow they wail because they have no more gold" (George S. Clason).

What good would, if we understood the importance of wisdom, as in Solomon's time. Wisdom can transform our lives. In fact, wisdom is far more valuable than gold.

A HIDDEN TREASURE

"Yes, beg for knowledge; plead for insight. Look for it as hard as you would for silver or some hidden treasure."

Proverbs 2:3-4

Most of us have had this childish dream: Find a hidden treasure! Find something valuable that transform our lives! Something to fill our existence of sense! Something to fill our empty... Wisdom is this treasure that speaks Solomon. We need to take a real journey in search of this treasure!

Solomon has found this treasure, and wants to give us clues to get there. We can consider the book "Proverbs of Solomon" as a treasure map! Dear reader, let yourself be guided by Solomon while reading this book. Let him help you find the real treasure of your life! But do not forget: "Never has there been a map, however carefully executed to detail and scale, which carried its owner over even one inch

of ground" (Og Mandino). Solomon only shows us the way, but we who have to walk! "Whatever aid I give thee will be as a grain of sand compared to the mountains you must move for yourself" (Og Mandino).

BASE OF WEALTH

"Every year King Solomon received
over twenty-five tons of gold,
in addition to the taxes paid by merchants,
the profits from trade, and tribute paid by the Arabian kings
and the governors of the Israelite districts."

I Kings 10:14-15

The wealth of Solomon was really huge! "In terms of wealth, some have suggested that in today's dollars, he may well have been a trillionaire" (Steven K. Scott). How could a king be as rich and prosperous without war or violence? While many today are "rich" because of corruption, Solomon built all his great prosperity based on justice! According to him, this is the only solid foundation.

By analyzing its Manual of Success (Book of Proverbs), we see that their secrets have nothing to do with "methods or techniques" to achieve wealth, but are mainly based on the character. "It is a book about improving the

way we think and therefore act" (John C. Maxwell). It is quite different from the current mentality.

No wonder today, in the age of information (in 21 century AD), that human beings experience great crises at all levels, including in financial terms (despite all the available knowledge). Today we are better educated, and we have more resources than people had in Solomon's time. However, these people had more prosperity. Certainly they have something to teach us. Today we seek to improve "methods", Solomon sought to improve people! The Solomon's methods have been tested and proven by experience.

TRUE WEALTH

"During his reign silver and gold became
as common in Jerusalem as stone,
and cedar was as plentiful
as ordinary sycamore in the foothills of Judah."

II Chronicles 1:15

How many stones you have stored in your home? You do not value the stones? Well, in Solomon's time, silver and gold were as common as stones! Can you even imagine this scenario? Would you like to live in those golden days?

Solomon says it is possible to live those times, at any time or place!

According to him, the problem is not the people or the circumstances or place where we live, the problem is within us. And this problem is a problem of wisdom. "You must change is the soul, not climate... Walking from one side to the other will not help you because you walk always with yourself" (Seneca). I remember that once I tried to change the world, now I try to change myself. Everything changes when we change!

Do you want to change the world around you? Start with yourself. It is inside, where it all begins. You know when our life will improve? When we improve! "The only way things are going to change for me is when I change" (Jim Rohn). In fact, all our outer world is simply a reflection of our inner. "We must travel on the inside before we can travel on the outside, because the journey of growth and success is first an internal one" (John C. Maxwell). Note that all the prosperous reign of Solomon was just a mirror of himself.

PROSPERITY FOR ALL

"The people of Judah and Israel
were as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore;
they ate and drank, and were happy."

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