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## SOLOMON: The High Price Of An Unguarded Heart

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#### Solomon: Wisdom Personified

1 Kings 3-10

### BEYOND THE GLORY:

#### Ignoring His Own Advice!

Proverbs 4:23 & 1 Kings 11

### TABLE TALK:

#### The Anatomy Of A Moral Failure:

Proverbs 7:6-27

- ❶ It starts with a **stupid** decision.
  
- ❷ It's blindsided by a **growing** temptation.
  
- ❸ It ends with a **sudden fall** & personal **disaster**.

#### Four Things To Take Home:

Proverbs 5:3-11/ 1 Corinthians 6:18

- ❶ Moral failure usually begins with a **foolish decision**.
  
- ❷ Immorality is **pleasurable in the short run**.
  
- ❸ Immorality is always a **fatal attraction**.
  
- ❹ Our ability to **resist** is much **less than we think**.

## COMMUNION

1. As life's tough challenges unfold, behind the scenes we have God's forgiveness, grace and guidance to help us. All this is made possible because of Jesus' death for our sins. It enables us to have a relationship with a holy and perfect God we could never otherwise have. This is why we, as Christians, celebrate the Lord's Supper!

In preparation for Communion with your group, read 1 Peter 1:17-23; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28; and Hebrews 12:28 reflecting on the Last Supper and what Jesus has done for you personally.

2. Take a moment and write down your own thank you note to God for who He is, what He has done and what He has promised to do for you in the future.

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## YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

*In the last ten weeks over 1500 of you have participated in more than 100 service projects to meet needs in our community – and to show God's love!* That's 500 more people serving than last year during the same time period. I want to thank each of you for your commitment to making a difference for Jesus in North County. Below are a few more great opportunities that you may want to consider for yourself or for your group this Christmas season.

- ❖ **Christmas Tree Outreach** – Visit the tree at any campus and buy a gift for those in need.
- ❖ **Christmas party at St. Clare's Home** -- There are 8 different homes of abused women and children who could use the warmth of your Christmas traditions. Throw a small Christmas party for them.
- ❖ **Operation Hope** – Serve a dinner for homeless families at Operation Hope's winter shelter.

\* See our Web page for more details [www.northcoastchurch.com/service](http://www.northcoastchurch.com/service)

As the New Year begins, watch for more opportunities to serve and make a difference in our community in the name of Jesus.

*Have a great Holiday Season celebrating the birth of our Lord!*  
Pastor Dave Enns and the Growth Group Team

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of December 2, 2007

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*Because this is the last meeting of the fall quarter, the homework is shorter than normal. As usual, your final meeting of the quarter will include a look back on the quarter, Communion, and some time to fill out end of the quarter Feedback Forms. A special addition to the night will be a short two-minute DVD message from Pastors Larry & Chris about the exciting growth at North Coast and the key role of Growth Groups. Our Winter Growth Group quarter will begin the week of January 13, 2008. Merry Christmas!*

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## MY STORY

❖ Looking back at past Christmas seasons, what are some of your favorite parts of this time of the year?

- Getting the house or apartment looking like Christmas
- Presents for friends and family
- Christmas eve or Christmas morning
- Holiday food (if so, what's your favorite?)
- Time off
- Getting together with friends and family
- Getting back to normal when it's all over
- Other

❖ For the past month our *Beyond the Glory* series has taken us behind the scenes to see the real life struggles of those who appear to have it all together. As you look back on this quarter, how has this series and your Growth Group impacted your walk with God? (It can be anything from time spent together, a service project, spiritual breakthrough, growth challenge or anything else.)

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## BEYOND THE GLORY: The High Price Of An Unguarded Heart

1. Looking back at this week's teaching on "The High Price of an Unguarded Heart," what caught your attention the most and what do you think is most important for you to remember?

2. We saw this weekend that we are all weaker than we think when it comes to resisting sexual temptations. We also saw that this means the path of wisdom is to avoid the path of temptation (even if we think we're immune to the temptation). How do the following verses reinforce this point? Put the main idea into your own words.

Matthew 5:27-30

Romans 6:12-13

Proverbs 9:16-18

1 Peter 2:11-12

3. There are plenty of indicators that show us we've strayed into the path of moral temptation. What are some of the most significant ones in your mind? You can use ones mentioned in the message or others that you can think of.