

months before the other man could take it and by that time this man had become so accustomed to the position and he enjoyed the prominence which it gave him and he had gotten a hold of the works of it and personally convinced that he was handling it excellently even though outsiders had doubts on certain features of it and when the time came that we were ready to put the other man in, he made a speech to the controlling board in which he told them that there were only two men in the world really competent to handle the proposition, one of whom was across the ocean and the other was himself. He gave factors one, two, three, four which he had and no one else had in the world. He was absolutely ~~sure~~ convinced that there was no one else competent to carry on the work regarding which he had felt so humble before. Now he felt absolutely indispensable. I was amazed that a change could take place so quickly in a man, a man who was a real Christian man and, I believe, was thoroughly sincere in what he said, but whom Satan led aside through the lust of the eyes and the pride of the heart, through the enjoyment of feeling a little bit of power to which he was unaccustomed. My, the change it makes in people when they are put in a position of prominence or responsibility. You can never tell what it is going to do to the person. It is often far beyond what you have ever dreamed. People become utterly different. We can't help ~~ix~~ what other people become, but if we here, and I hope everyone here will accomplish real ~~in~~ for the Lord you will be put into a position where these temptations will assail you as they would not if you didn't get into those particular positions. They will assail you tremendously and Satan will try to lead you astray through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and for the pride of life.

Oh, how Solomon was led astray. I think we had better make a separate head just to mention even though we don't need to say much more about it. "B2 the tragedy of Solomon. The wonderful start and the sad ending. A man who began with every promise of being the great king, the one who would do everything in accordance with the will of God and the one who at the end of his kingdom had brought wicked abominations into the land of Israel so much so that the Lord