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Bad Company

The Sunday Circle

The crows one spring began to pull up a farmer's young corn. Therefore, he loaded his gun and went out to frighten them away. Now the farmer had a parrot, who, when he saw the crows pulling up the corn, flew over and joined them.

"Bang!" went the farmer's gun, and when he went to see what he had done, he found to his surprise, that besides killing three crows he had wounded his parrot.

He took the bird home, and the children asked, "What did it, Daddy? What hurt our pretty Polly?"

"Bad company!" answered the parrot, in a solemn voice.

"Yes, that was it," said the farmer. "Poll was with those wicked crows when I fired, and received a shot intended for them."

Remember the parrot's fate, child of God. Beware of bad company!



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Strange Things, Change Things

Bill Brinkworth

Some things should be "strange" and foreign to a person that wants to please God. Most of the things a Christian should keep away from are against the principles for him as commanded in God's Word. Most of those



practices will make a believer act the same as the losing, unsaved side. King Solomon is an example of what happens to a godly person when he lets down his guard and does what the ungodly world is doing.

Solomon started out serving God and had the blessings of the Almighty:

- ☺ He was king.
- ☺ He had God blessing and helping him in all he did.
- ☺ He had wisdom. *1 Kings 3:12*
- ☺ He had wealth. He earned it. He acquired it in battle. Wealth was given to him by other

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Governor's Daughters and Bobbed Hair

Bible Expositor

School had dismissed for the day. A couple of teenage sisters had slipped into their father's office at their governor's mansion. It was during the time when bobbed hair was becoming fashionable for young ladies.

The southern governor did not want his girls to have bobbed hair. On this particular day, they were both pleading with him for permission.



One of them came out with the often-used remark, "but father, everybody's doing it."

The governor asked, "Whose daughters are you?" After hearing them acknowledge him, he said, "Sure. You are the daughters of the governor. You do not follow the styles. You set the styles."

"I'm a child of God. I'm on the winning side. Why would I want to act like, talk like, dress like, or do things the losing side is doing?" — B. B.

Strange Things ...

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countries and other leaders, including the Queen of Sheba.

☺ He built cities, and had many more blessings, because God's hand was on his life. Solomon had it "all", or so, many would have believed.

However, as he got older, his desires and love for God changed. His wonderful, God-directed life changed, when his heart to please God changed:

"But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." — II Corinthians 6:17

was the heart of David his father. ... And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father." I Kings 11:1-6

King Solomon knew he should only fellowship with those of like faith. However, he let his wandering, lusting eyes have too much control in his life. Soon, he was not only in close contact with the ungodly; he developed an interest in their women. It was not long until he disobeyed God's command to stay away from the heathen, and was marrying them — over 700 times!

His heathen wives turned his heart in the idolatrous direction their hearts were, and the once God-loving king, was "evil" in God's eyes. If he had only obeyed God's command to be separate from the ungodly, he would not have made such a spiritual mistake. God's hand of blessing was off King David's son, and Solomon's sin cost him much, including:

- ☹ Loss of love and respect from his people
- ☹ Help from His God
- ☹ His heritage to his loved ones: (*I Kings 11:11-12*)
- ☹ His wisdom.
- ☹ The possibility of having a long life (*I Kings 3:14*).

His life would have been a lot different if he had kept his first love of wanting to please his Maker. Hopefully, we can

learn from Solomon's example. No one gets away with the price tag on sin. We may not make the foolish decision to pick ungodly friends and mates, but we can have our lives ruined by "strange" things. These "strange" things include:

☹ **Wrong priorities.** If other things are more important than God is, they will reign and control your life much as Solomon's wives' beliefs controlled his life.

☹ **Wrong spiritual food.** Are you feeding the flesh or spirit? The one which is fed the most will control you. Do you read your Bible? Do you pray? Do you do what God has laid on your heart to do, or are you doing what feels good or what everyone else is doing? A child of God is not "everyone else."

☹ **Wrong practices.** If we do things that are too close to being sin, it will not be long until we fall into iniquity.

☹ **Wrong places.** Are you in the place God wants you? Does God want you in a bar, a fishing hole on Sunday, or in a situation that will ruin your testimony or not spiritually strengthen you?

☹ **Wrong friends.** Do your friends encourage you in the things of God? If not, they can quickly pull you away from doing what pleases God.

☹ **Wrong input.** Does what goes into your eye and ear gates help you be what God wants you to be, or does it hinder you? Does what you see or hear edify

and strengthen you concerning the things of God, or does it strengthen and feed the flesh that will sin?

God had wonderful plans for Solomon; but the king canceled God's planned future for him, because of his sin. If you are a child of God, He also has big plans for you. If you are saved, you are on the winning side. Acting, dressing, talking, thinking, and living like the ungodly will only guarantee that your life will end as did King Solomon's.

Unless It Got Inside

Author Unknown

*All the water in the world,
However hard it tried,
Could never sink a ship
Unless it got inside.*

*All the evil in the world,
The wickedness and sin,
Can never sink the soul's craft
Unless it got inside.*

Robinson Wanted Not a Thing

Author Unknown

Bud Robinson, a preacher from the past, was taken by friends to New York and shown around the city. That night in his prayers he said, "Lord, I thank You for letting me see all the sights of New York, and I thank You most of all that I didn't see a thing that I wanted!"

Blessed is the man who can sit close to the charms of this old world, independent of them because he doesn't want them.