

SOLOMON

HOW GOD DEALS WITH DEFIANCE

1 KINGS 11:9–28, 40



The Heart of the Matter

What do you do with a rebel? How do you deal with open defiance, with a stubborn heart? We see it every day in our society, in our homes, and even in our churches—resistance, contempt, rebellion. Although we see it every day, defiance is always unexpected and disappointing. Who could have guessed that Solomon would embody the rebellious spirit? But God saw it coming and dealt with this wayward king. As with all of Solomon's life, we should pay close attention and learn—as Solomon learned—that there is no lion so fierce that God can't tame it.



Discovering the Way

1. Defiance: Seeds and Harvest

As we review Solomon's life, we see that seeds of defiance led to a tragic harvest.

Seeds	Harvest
A.	
B.	
C.	
D.	

2. Reaction: God and Solomon (1 Kings 11:9–28, 40)

God was angry with Solomon (11:9–13) and punished his defiance by bringing into his life human adversaries (11:14–25), internal rebellion (11:26–28), and personal frustration (11:40).



Starting Your Journey

So how do you handle a rebel? What if that rebel is you? Take some time and evaluate whether you are a defiant one by thinking about these truths. Defiance begins with a carnal attitude. (Fill in the chart on the next page to review the downward steps of defiance.) Defiance leads to personal misery (Proverbs 13:15). And defiance results in inescapable bondage (5:21–23).



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