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Solomon compartmentalized his life: half for God and half for his pleasures. The Word of God halfway convicted him. He experienced halfway sorrow, halfway repentanceâ€”with halfway changes! I donâ€™t know what happened, but Solomon got halfway convicted about his heathen wife living in the holy place near the ark. So he decided to move her outâ€”halfway across town! â€”Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David . . . because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the Lord hath comeâ€” (2 Chronicles 8:11).

The truth was that Solomon didnâ€™t want to give her up! He knew in his heart it was all wrong and it was nagging him on the inside. I can hear him saying, â€”Yes, Iâ€™ve got to do something about this. Iâ€™m going to show the Lord I want to do the right thing.â€” But did he ship her back to Egypt?

Our churches today are filled with half-and-half Christiansâ€”halfway convicted by the Word and halfway repentantâ€”making halfway changes in their lives. There is little of â€”trembling at the Word.â€” I hear so many who are still living in blatant sin, still doing the same old things. They say, â€”God knows I mean to do well. He sees my heart. I really love the Lord. Iâ€™ve made some changes and Iâ€™m doing better.â€” Itâ€™s not enough to mean well. We must do it!

Solomon had built the temple and had finished all his building projects. But he was still living in disobedience in these areas, seeing no danger in it. Yet God was so merciful that He continued answering his prayers. Solomon was still going up three times a year to offer sacrifices and was joyful and glad in the presence of the Lord.

I believe this is the most dangerous position a Christian can be in: His prayers are still getting through and there is joy and gladness. There remain, however, areas of disobedience where the Word is not the absolute authority, while the believer is blind to the deterioration taking place.

God again appeared to Solomon with a strong sermon, a powerful Word: â€”Walk in integrity. Obey My Word.â€” All the while, Solomon was slipping away from God, growing hard and insensitive to the Word, blinded by His blessings and mercies. How many Christians get blessed, feel Godâ€™s Spirit, get happy in Him, and say, â€”Everythingâ€™s all right because God is blessing meâ€”?