**Sermon Outline - Gold Glory Girls**

**Props:** fishing Rod, 3 pictures to hang on the fishing rod

**Intro** Fishing rod, talk about catching fish, I love to catch fish. Praise Solomon and his wisdom and wealth. Build him up as fantastic, tell the stories.

1 Kings 3:5-14 God’s promise of wisdom to Solomon.

Story of baby cut in half, and Queen of Sheba visit.

1 Kings 4:29-34 Solomons great wisdom and fame.

**Question:** Was there ever a richer king of Israel? Was there ever a wiser man in all history? Was Israel ever more prosperous and wealthy as it was under king Solomon? NO – He was the wisest man that ever lived! Then what could possibly go wrong? Get the fishing rod and start to talk again about different bait for different fish.

Deut 17:16-17 *New Bible Coomentary: It is striking how similar this portrait of the false king is to that of Solomon after he had* . G-G-G. Beware! That is todays topic, and that is what brought Solomon down.

1 Kings 11:1-8 Solomons downfall. The wisest man in history?? Why did he do this? Because the pull of GGG is powerful. 1 Kings 11:9-11 God’s judgement.

**Gold – Put a picture of money on the fishing line.**

1 Kings 10:14 says King got 23 tonnes of gold per year. Money is probably the biggest struggle that any of us will ever have.

Luke 16:13, you cannot serve two masters = God vs Money.

1 Kings 6:37 – 7:1 years for temple but 13 years for his own palace.

Malachi 3:8-10 Robbing God.

**Glory – Picture of a crown on the hook**

How many famous people have problems come up in their lives. Who should we be trying to impress? Jesus! It doesn’t matter what other people think of us, we should always be trying to please Jesus, not other people, not trying to get a big name. James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he will lift you up.

**Girls (and boys)**

We read it before in 1 kings 11:1-8 how Solomons wifes turn his heart. How many people do you know that have destroyed their lives because of this one? Have you ever tried to talk someone out of a bad relationship?

* 2 Corinthians 6:14 don’t be yoked to unbelievers. This was Solomons problem, he married an unbeliever. In most cases the Christian will backslide, not the other way around.

**Application**

* I now want you to look at yourselves. What does it take to be successful in PNG = definition of success = Gold Glory Girls. “Big Men” in PNG
* Remember God’s upside down kingdom where the greatest will be the least, the first will be last, the rich will be the poorest.
* Don’t think you are stronger than the temptations (Peter denying Christ 3 times). To achieve victory over GGG you need God’s help, you can’t do it alone. HS inside you.
* Anything that takes first place in your life is an idol, and that is what GGG does, they take centre away from God (I want Gold, I want Glory, I want Girls, and God can come second to these). That is the real problem with GGG, you have to choose who comes first in your life.
* What bait is satan using to hook you from God?

**Conclusion**

This weeks challenge is to look for the hooks that are being put in front of you and find ways of avoiding them.

You guys are about to go out into the world and you will face all sorts of challenges. You know what its like with bribery and corruption in business and government, there are very few people who stand firm, but there are some.