

One Foot In

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“One foot in and one foot out” 1 Kings 11:1-4

- Solomon didn't follow God Completely; *He only had one foot in.*

1. When We Only Have *One Foot In*, We Lose People Who Are Important to Us

(1 Kings 11:22) But Pharaoh asked him, “What do you lack here with me for you to want to go back to your own country?”

2. When We Only Have *One Foot In*, God May Raise Up Enemies Against Us

(1 Kings 11:23-25) God raised up Rezon son of Eliada as an enemy against Solomon. Rezon had fled from his master King Hadadezer of Zobah ²⁴ and gathered men to himself. He became leader of a raiding party when David killed the Zobaites. He went to Damascus, lived there, and became king in Damascus. ²⁵ Rezon was Israel's enemy throughout Solomon's reign, adding to the trouble Hadad had caused. He reigned over Aram and loathed Israel.

3. When We Only Have *One Foot In*, People Might Rebel Against Us

(1 Kings 11:26-27) Now Solomon's servant, Jeroboam son of Nebat, was an Ephraimite from Zeredah. His widowed mother's name was Zeruah. Jeroboam rebelled against Solomon, ²⁷ and this is the reason he rebelled against the king: Solomon had built the supporting terraces and repaired the opening in the wall of the city of his father David.

4. When We Only Have *One Foot In*, Our Lives Can be Torn to Shreds

(1 Kings 11:30-33) Then Ahijah took hold of the new cloak he had on, tore it into twelve pieces, ³¹ and said to Jeroboam, “Take ten pieces for yourself, for this is what the LORD God of Israel says: ‘I am about to tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand. I will give you ten tribes, ³² but one tribe will remain his for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city I chose out of all the tribes of Israel. ³³ For they have abandoned me; they have bowed down to Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, to Chemosh, the god of Moab, and to Milcom, the god of the Ammonites. They have not walked in my ways to do what is right in my sight and to carry out my statutes and my judgments as his father David did.

5. When We Only Have *One Foot In*, Sin Will Humble us

(1 Kings 11:39) I will humble David's descendants, because of their unfaithfulness, but not forever.”