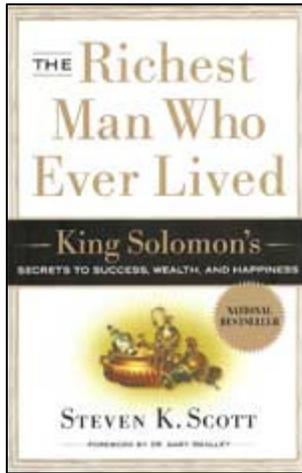


Readin' & Writin' with Lauraine- June 2008



I heard of a man who failed many times. Does that sound familiar? Only this man had the wisdom to listen when someone who was successful said to him, “study the wisest and wealthiest man who ever lived and learn from him.” Hard to believe in this day of wealthy people that King Solomon of ancient times, was and is the richest man that has ever lived. And---he wrote a book.

Steven K. Scott took the man’s advice and studied the Book of Proverbs in the old testament of the Bible and applied all the principles therein to living his life, both personal and in the business world.

Steven Scott is no longer a failure. In fact, he has written several books to help other people learn the principles he learned, after having become a millionaire many times over in a variety of businesses and by helping others do the same. The one I am reviewing is *The Richest Man Who Ever Lived*.

So, what are the principles Scott learned? Reading the table of contents will make you want to read the chapters to learn the real solutions not only in your business life, but in your every day, walking around life.

On page six there is a list of all the benefits of Solomon’s strategies, things like success, better health, knowledge, confidence, courage and favor of those in authority. Each

chapter introduces and explains one of the principles, is illustrated by stories from Steven Scott's life and businesses, and concludes with a list of questions to assist the reader in applying the principles.

This small book is to be read, to be studied, to be worn out by those who truly desire to improve their lives and then to be purchased and given to others because you care about them and their lives.

As I read and re-read and study and think on these page, I am amazed at the simplicity of much of the wisdom they contain. Simple and easy are not synonyms.

So what can writers gain from this book? The same as everyone else---how to make changes in their lives. You will become a better writer by using the principles taught in *The Richest Man Who Ever Lived*. You will become a better thinker, wiser, more disciplined, more aware of life and the stories around you and more appreciative of what you have and who you are. You will gain ideas for your characters and wisdom for your nonfiction works.

Read the book and then get together with your friends, family, co-workers, and people in your congregation or volunteer organization, and discuss these ideas. They aren't new; after all, Solomon wrote this before Christ was born. But truth endures.

So, until next time,

Happy readin' and writin' from Lauraine.