

# SOLOMON'S WISDOM

Lesson 9 – Bible Study, August 2, 2023

## Solomon Asks for Wisdom

1 Kings 3:1-5, 2 Chronicles 1:1-7; 1 Kings 3:6-9, 2 Chronicles 1:8-10

1. How is the description of Solomon's love for God qualified in 1 Kings 3:3?

Yet God eventually appeared to in a dream and invited him to request anything (v.5)

2. What does this say about God's nature?
3. (Open Discussion) Is humility an important quality for government officials? What about for leaders of organizations, businesses, and corporations? What about for leaders in the church?
4. What are some examples of leaders throughout history who have been humble servant leaders?

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## God Gives Wisdom and More

2 Chronicles 1:11, 12; 1 Kings 3:10-12; 2 Chronicles 1:12-17; 1 Kings 3:13-15

1. Is there a person you know who is wise? What makes that person wise in your eyes?
2. Are there areas in your life where you need God's wisdom today? What are they?
3. As was the case with Solomon, the Lord often adds what has not been requested. (See Matthew 6:33; Luke 12:31; Ephesians 3:20)
4. Have you ever felt that God has blessed you with more than what you prayed for?
5. Are there some things you have asked of the Lord that He has, as yet, not granted? How have you responded to these instances?

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## God-Given Wisdom on Display

1 Kings 3:16-22; 1 Kings 3:23-28

1. Have you ever had to make a difficult decision that required special insight? What was your initial response to this situation? Did you eventually seek the Lords's help? What was the final outcome?
2. Much folk wisdom derives in part from long experience in reflectively observing human beings and how they relate to one another. Many elderly people are a storehouse of sound practical advice because of this.  
  
Do you have any persons in your life on whom you have come to relay for good counsel?
3. What is it about them that keeps you going back for more?
4. What can you do to grow in wisdom and understanding so that you might be someone the Lord uses to counsel others?

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## **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. EMBEDDED**
- 2. ELEVATED**
- 3. ALLIANCE**
- 4. WISDOM**
- 5. PHILOSOPHY**
- 6. REQUESTED**