

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 3:16-28.

1. Solomon was exceedingly wise. 1 Kings 4:29-30, 34
2. How did Solomon get his wisdom? 2 Chronicles 1:8-10, 11-12A.
3. Do you ever feel like Solomon? I know I do. Not only in that I want wisdom for myself, but also in that I want wisdom for other people. Deuteronomy 32:28-30A.
4. But more than anything else, I should want wisdom for the glory of God. Deuteronomy 4:5-8.
5. Here's the good news. We, like Solomon, can be exceedingly wise. Proverbs 9:1-6. God does not command the impossible. Ephesians 5:15.
6. But how? Job 28:12. God does three things to supply us wisdom. In this morning's lesson, we'll discuss these three things and tonight we'll talk about how we practically make God's wisdom our own.



DISCUSSION: To be exceedingly wise, we must:

1. **Learn the will of God.**
 - A. God is the source of wisdom. Job 28:20, 23; Daniel 2:20, 21B; “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!” (Romans 11:33).
 - B. There is no wisdom in any understanding or counsel that's against the Lord. Proverbs 21:30; 1 Corinthians 1:19, 25; Revelation 13:18.
 - C. God supplies us wisdom through study, prayer, and the counsel of wise men.
 - 1) Study. Psalm 19:7B, “The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;” Isaiah 35:8; Matthew 12:42; Ephesians 5:17; 2 Timothy 3:15-17.
 - 2) Prayer. James 1:5-8.
 - 3) The counsel of wise men. Proverbs 1:3A, 5; 24:5-6; 14:7; Job 12:12; learn from Rehoboam in 1 Kings 11:43-12:20.
2. **Obey the will of God.** Matthew 7:24-27. To be wise we must do more than hear wisdom. PROVERBS 17:16. To be wise we must, as David told Solomon, “act according to ... wisdom” (1 Kings 2:6A). We need discipline, courage ... love!
3. **Objectively evaluate the wisdom of our choices.** Proverbs 12:15A, “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes.” Yet, Ecclesiastes 10:3.
 - A. “Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds” (Matthew 11:19B). “... by all her children” (Luke 7:35).
 - B. Are we wise?
 - 1) How do we react to correction? Proverbs 9:7-8.
 - 2) How do people react to our correction? Proverbs 12:18; 15:2; 16:21-24; Colossians 4:5-6.
 - 3) What is state of our relationships? Proverbs 24:3-4; 14:1; James 3:13-18.
 - 4) With whom do we have relationships? Proverbs 13:20.
 - 5) Do blessed people get frustrated with us? Proverbs 23:9.
 - 6) Do we seek the counsel of blessed people? Proverbs 15:12.
 - 7) How do we react to success? Isaiah 10:12-14, 15, 16-19; Jer. 9:23-24; Daniel 2:19B-20, 21B- 23A.
 - 8) How conservative are we? Proverbs 14:16; Ecclesiastes 10:2.
 - 9) Are we always losing our temper? Proverbs 29:11.
 - 10) Are we joyful? Ecclesiastes 8:1B.
 - 11) Are we sharing the gospel? Proverbs 11:30; 15:7.
 - 12) Do we make the same mistakes over and over again? Proverbs 26:11.
 - 13) Are we underachievers? Ecclesiastes 4:5.
 - C. If it's broke, we must admit it and fix it, make changes not excuses! Proverbs 14:8.

We still have much to say about the “wisdom of Solomon.” Please be wise and be here tonight!