

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 2, Week 1 :: **A Wise King**

Treasure Story: 1 Kings 3:1-15

If God offered to give you anything your heart desired, what would you ask for? Would you request money, long life, or fame? God did offer one man anything he wanted. His name was Solomon, and he requested that God make him wise and discerning. God was so pleased with his request that He gave him wisdom as well as riches and notoriety. But despite Solomon's wisdom, he was not the perfect king and Deliverer whom God promised to send mankind in Genesis 3:15.

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"Riches are the least worthy of gifts which God can give a man. What are they to God's Word, to bodily gifts, such as beauty and health, or to the gifts of the mind, such as understanding, skill, wisdom! Yet men toil for them day and night, and take no rest. Therefore God commonly gives riches to foolish people, to whom he gives nothing else."

– Martin Luther

Few of us would have the discipline and character to ask God for wisdom. Our culture doesn't value it as much as wealth, fame, or attractiveness. God, however, values wisdom very highly. His Word tells us so, and His reaction to Solomon's request confirms it. Here are a few suggestions to see how God gives us wisdom:

- **Using Your Ears:** James 1:19 extols the virtue of listening before speaking. Children, as well as adults, often struggle with this concept. Challenge your children to practice listening. Have them agree to spend twice as much time listening as they do talking. Discuss with them afterward how practicing this skill helped them to make better decisions.
- **Don't Look to Yourself:** Proverbs 3:7 challenges us to not think of ourselves as wise but to revere the Lord and refuse sin. Help your children practice this discipline by first challenging them to repent of their sin and trust Christ. Then have them look at God's Word and what it says as the measuring stick to determine what is wise or unwise.

My Mission As Parent

- What value do you place on godly wisdom? Whom do you look to when you are in need of godly counsel?
- Do you have any verses in Scripture that you rely on when you have a tough decision to make?
- Consider the privilege and responsibility you have to point your children to the Lord and not the world to find true wisdom.

Prayer Points

- Ask the Lord to help you value godly wisdom that only comes from Him.
- Pray for the Lord to help you understand things from his perspective, which is eternal.
- Praise the Lord together with your children that God has shown His greatest wisdom in sending His Son Jesus to die on the cross and free us from sin and foolishness.