

SPIRITUAL NEEDS: WISDOM

Wisdom comes when we **WITNESS** God's track record, **WEIGH** our insufficiency, and **WANT** His direction.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ In this world of uncertainty we live in, we need access to something better than www.fillintheblank.com when we make decisions. While we live in an era where we rely on search bars for quick fixes, Solomon offers a different kind of 'www' for real discernment. This caused him to look back to God's record with David (**WITNESS**), recognize his own limitations (**WEIGH**), and ask for God's wisdom (**WANT**).

Solomon WITNESSED God's sovereign favour towards David.

- ❖ Solomon's confidence in God's kindness to David comes from personal witness. He saw that, regardless of the life circumstances David may have faced, he never turned aside from serving God alone. That's faithfulness! Yet the attribute of righteousness ascribed to him in 1 Kings 3:6 is intriguing.
- ❖ Solomon was the eventual result of David's adultery and murder of Solomon's mother's husband (see 2 Samuel 11). Though David had sinned, he did not turn from his view of God as sovereign Lord. So, when confronted by the prophet, David didn't proffer any excuses but instead offered up genuine repentance (see Psalm 51). His 'uprightness of heart' was proven in his *response* to sin, which caused God to still honour His covenant with David.
- ❖ "You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day" (1 Kgs. 3:6). The context magnifies the significance of the words "great kindness."
- ❖ David's throne from a human lens was fragile (see 2 Sam. 13:28-29, 18:9, and 1 Kings 1). So, Solomon recognized that it was not his pedigree but God's great kindness to David, even after his death, that kept his father's lineage on the throne.
- ❖ For Solomon, it wasn't the title of king he was aspiring to, but David's consistent, behind-the-scenes posture towards God.

Solomon WEIGHED his readiness for his responsibility in the light of what he'd witnessed.

- ❖ Just as Solomon witnessed his father David credit God in His sovereignty for his preservation and favour, so, too, he followed the same script in 1 Kings 3:7, positioning himself as "servant" in the same manner as David while referring to Him as "**my** God" for the first time. In this way Solomon took David's place positionally as well as covenantally.
- ❖ And what profound awareness Solomon showed in referencing himself to being "only a little child." He is not so much referring to age but to a humble stature in the face of daunting responsibility.
- ❖ Ironically, his admission of "not knowing how" is really the gift of knowledge—knowing what he didn't know—and the words he spoke in the next verse reflect a "God" view rather than a purely human one, suggesting Solomon saw the image of God in the people, the factor that makes us all equal in His sight.
- ❖ Solomon rightly weighed his readiness for his responsibility in the light of what he had witnessed and recognized his own inadequacy. It's by witnessing and weighing that will position you to thrive. But it's 'want' or 'desire' that will bring it home to you.

KEY SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 3:6-9

(all scriptures in text are in NIV unless otherwise noted)

Solomon WANTED God's wisdom to enable him for his responsibility.

- ❖ Solomon, aware of the high stakes position he was in, says, "So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" (v. 9).
- ❖ For Solomon to succeed, he needed the type of insight that was beyond human capacity. So, he positioned his ask by telling God his request was for **God's** people, that only God Himself could govern Israel, a nation marked by God's covenant calling that only God Himself could lead them to.
- ❖ This theme would resonate forward into the New Testament, where God Himself would come in the person of Jesus Christ because only He alone could save His people. That's why Solomon wanted God's wisdom and not man's. And that is why we want the same thing.
- ❖ So, here's the crux of the matter: do you really want wisdom? Too often we want promotion for the wrong reasons and set our sights on things that, if we achieve them, won't satisfy us.
- ❖ If we're honest with ourselves, the life of Jesus is appealing when crowds gather and His power is displayed. But when He says He has no home of His own, is betrayed, and walks knowingly into a trap, the life of Christ is not appealing at all. Yet despite the betrayal and pain, He wanted to do it because it was the path the Father laid out for Him to save humanity. That is what gave Him deep contentment.
- ❖ And that's how you should set yourself up to succeed. Choose to go after things that please God. Desire them because they bring contentment that lasts. By doing so, you will open the door to the same wisdom God gifted Solomon.
- ❖ Witnessing, weighing, and wanting: these are practical, logical steps you can take to position yourself well. But once the receiver's heart is in the right place, you must trust the giver of wisdom, the Spirit of Almighty God.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Read 1 Kings 3:5-14 and 12:1-16. In each instance, both Solomon and Rehoboam faced important decisions, but where one wanted **wisdom**, the other wanted **validation**. Discuss the benefits/detriments between the two. Then discuss the situation each king faced, the decisions they had to make, and those they consulted for those decisions. How did each respond to the counsel received (i.e., what action(s) did they take), and what was the end result?
2. Has there ever been an insufficiency in your life (**WEIGH**)? What was the **WANT** you needed fulfilled? Share how you bore **WITNESS** to God's favour in that circumstance.

PRAYER TIME

In and of myself, Lord, I am lacking. Please guide me and allow me to bear witness to Your goodness.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🗨️ (Think about)
! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
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Start-up: Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you felt ill-equipped? How did it make you feel and how did you overcome?

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Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)

Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

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PROPHETIC ENCOUNTERS WITH PASTOR DARIOS

Join us from Friday, August 7th to Sunday, August 9th as Pastor Allen Dairos and his wife Sis. Darlene share the Word of God with us in ministry and in a series of teachings. Don't miss this prophetic encounter, and don't forget to invite a friend!

MEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

The Ontario District Men's Empowerment Conference will be held at Huyck's Bay Camp Ground from Thursday, August 13th to Saturday, August 15th. You don't want to miss this time of equipping and refreshing! Registration is open. To sign up, go to www.ontariomensministry.com. *Contact Bro. Ken Kinyera or Pastor Lucy Peel for more information.*

FAITH FAMILY BBQ

Our Faith Family BBQ will be taking place after service on Sunday, August 16th. Friends and family are invited. *Contact Pastor Lucy Peel for more information.*

SUMMER SATURDAYS

Do you want to hear something cool? Summer Saturdays are taking place each Saturday from August 1st to September 12th. Summer Saturdays is where you don't have to plan anything fun for the family—we do that for you. Whether it's men's soccer, ping pong, board games, hiking, or enjoying a cup of tea during book club, we've got you covered! *Sign up at the front foyer or see Sis. Tope for further details.*

FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. . . . So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"
1 Kings 3:7, 9 (NIV)

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