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**WEEK 24**

**God gives Solomon wisdom**

1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-15



**DAY 1**

David commanded Solomon to be faithful to God • 1 Kings 2:1-4

**READ** 📖

1 Kings 2:1-4

**EXPLAIN** 🎯

**The truth of 1 Kings 2:1-4**

What is the most important thing a father can tell his son? As David was about to die, he told Solomon the one thing that would give him success as king: faithful obedience to all that God had commanded (1 Kgs 2:3). Through obedience Solomon would enjoy the blessings of God's covenant with David. This obedience would require fierce courage (2:1-2). Solomon had an important duty: to keep the charge of God (2:3). Like a vigilant guard, Solomon was to diligently fulfill his duty by faithfully living out all of God's word—every statute, commandment, rule, and testimony (2:3). Obedience was the duty of every Israelite (Deut 4:1), but especially of kings (Deut 17:18-20). No one is above God's law. This obedience is not just going through the motions, because God searches the heart (1 Chron 28:9). True obedience is devotion to God with heart, soul, and might (1 Kgs 2:4; Deut 6:4-6). So David prayed the best prayer a father can pray for a son: "Grant to Solomon my son a whole heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes" (1 Chron 29:19).

**ASK** ❓

1. What did David say was the key to Solomon's success?  
*Obedience.*
2. What kind of obedience did David tell Solomon to have?  
*Complete obedience; obedience from the heart.*
3. Is anyone above God's law?  
*No. Even the most powerful men and women in the world are still subject to God's laws.*
4. How did David pray for his son?  
*He asked God to grant his son heartfelt obedience to all God's commandments.*

**DISCUSS** 🗣️

1. If you could only have one more conversation with someone you love, what would you tell them?
2. Parents: Is the greatest emphasis of your parenting to teach your children God's word and cultivate in them a heart for God? Pray now with your children, asking God to give them a heart that desires to obey God's word.

## DAY 2

God gave Solomon wisdom • 1 Kings 3:3–15

### READ

1 Kings 3:3–15

### EXPLAIN

#### The truth of 1 Kings 3:3–15

What is more valuable than the most rare jewels (Prov 3:15)? What is worth seeking like a miner mining for precious gems (Job 28)? When God offered Solomon whatever he wanted (Prov 3:5), Solomon asked for something better than gold. Instead of blurting out a request, Solomon first paused to praise God for His steadfast love (3:6–7). Then, with a heart full of thankfulness, faith, and love, Solomon asked for wisdom, a teachable, humble, obedient, repentant heart (3:9). Wisdom is keeping and doing God's commands (Deut 4:6). It is living in the fear of God and accomplishing His will (Prov 9:10). Solomon needed godly wisdom to lead God's people, but you also need wisdom to successfully live out God's will (Eph 5:15–17). Your parents' job is to teach you wisdom through discipline (Prov 29:15), and you ought to receive their discipline with a teachable heart (Prov 15:32). Do you desire wisdom, to please God and serve others? Ask God. God kept His promise to give wisdom to Solomon (1 Kgs 3:28; 4:29–34), and He will keep His promise to give wisdom to everyone who asks in faith (Jas 1:5–6).

### ASK

1. What did God tell Solomon to do?  
*God told Solomon to ask for anything he wanted.*
2. What did Solomon pray about before asking for anything?  
*Solomon praised God for His love and trusted in God's faithfulness.*
3. What could Solomon have asked for? Why didn't he?  
*He could have asked for wealth or long life. He didn't ask for these because he loved God's people more than himself.*

### DISCUSS

1. How does the Bible describe wisdom?
2. God freely gives wisdom to all who ask (Jas 1:5–6). So why doesn't everyone act wisely? In what ways have you failed to seek wisdom, and how can you seek wisdom this week?

## DAY 3

A wise man builds his house on the rock • Matthew 7:24–27

### READ

Matthew 7:24–27

### EXPLAIN

#### The truth of Matthew 7:24–27

David knew how important obedience is. David watched Saul lose God's blessing through disobedience (1 Sam 15:22–23), and David gained God's blessing through obedience (1 Sam 23:4; 2 Sam 2:1–2). David also saw many blessings disappear when he disobeyed. David's disobedience led to death, rape, murder, and rebellion within his family. It forced David into temporary exile, and led to the deaths of 70,000

Israelites (2 Sam 12–20; 24). So David urged Solomon to obey: "If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever" (1 Chr 28:9). We hear an echo of David's words to Solomon about a 1,000 years later in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt 7:24–27). While the crowds listened in utter astonishment (7:28), Jesus concluded His message with a call to genuine faith and salvation: only those lives built upon "the rock" (God's word) will remain after God's righteous judgment rains down from heaven (Matt 7:24–27). If your life rests on this rock, you are wise, for your life will escape eternal destruction.

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**ASK** 

1. What did the wise man do?  
*He built his house on the rock.*
2. What does it mean to build your life on the rock?  
*It means to live in obedience to God's word.*
3. What did the foolish man do?  
*He built his house on the sand.*
4. What happened to the foolish man's house (life)?  
*It was destroyed when the rain (God's judgment) came.*

**DISCUSS** 

1. When someone builds a house, does he build the foundation first or last? So how is wisdom (living by God's word) especially important for you as children?
2. Parents: what kind of foundation are you laying for your family? What are your family's priorities? What governs the way your family functions?

**DAY 4***The blessings of godly wisdom • James 3:13–18***READ** 

James 3:13–18

**EXPLAIN** **The truth of James 3:13–18**

When you seek wisdom, be careful, because there are two kinds of wisdom: worldly wisdom and godly wisdom. They have different sources: worldly wisdom comes from the earth, your flesh, and the devil (Jas 3:15), but godly wisdom comes from God (Prov 2:6) through Jesus Christ (Col 2:3). They have different standards: worldly wisdom tries to decide right and wrong apart from God (Gen 3:5–6), but godly wisdom seeks to know and submit to His standard. Worldly wisdom is trusting your own understanding, but godly wisdom depends on God (Prov 3:5–8). They have different attitudes and actions: worldly wisdom is jealous and selfishly ambitious (Jas 3:15–16), but godly wisdom is humble, gentle, pure, peaceable, teachable, merciful, beneficial, just, and sincere (Jas 3:17). Worldly wisdom is foolish and boastful, but godly wisdom boasts in the Lord (1 Cor 1:20–31; Jer 9:23–24). They have different results: worldly wisdom is useless and sad (Eccl 1:17–18), but godly wisdom helps in our work (Eccl 10:10) and brings joy (Prov 15:20). So seek the wisdom from God. Nothing else compares (Prov 8:11).

**ASK** 

1. What are the two kinds of wisdom?  
*Godly wisdom and worldly wisdom.*
2. In what ways are they different?  
*They have different sources, standards, attitudes and actions, and results.*
3. Where does godly wisdom come from?  
*Godly wisdom comes from God.*
4. What is the result of worldly wisdom?  
*Even though it might seem smart, it is useless and sad in the end.*

**DISCUSS** 

1. What would people around you say about your attitudes and actions? What do your attitudes and actions show about the kind of wisdom that is directing your life?
2. Is there such thing as right and wrong? If so, who decides it? How do you know what it is?

## DAY 5

Christ is our wisdom • 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

### READ

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

### EXPLAIN

#### The truth of 1 Corinthians 1:18–30

Are you wise? The first step of wisdom is to realize that you are not wise and need wisdom from God. Not even Solomon had it all figured out. He turned from the path of wisdom and was unable to bring lasting peace to Israel. But David had a descendant who is greater than Solomon (Luke 11:31). Jesus was filled with wisdom even as a child (Luke 2:40, 52), and all wisdom belongs to Him (Rev 5:12; 7:12). He has now become wisdom to all who believe (1 Cor 1:30). God not only saves by His wisdom, He also gives His wisdom to all who trust in Jesus. This godly wisdom, along with righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, is God's gift to His children through Jesus Christ. Christians are truly the wise of this world because God has replaced their worldly wisdom with His own. But this wisdom comes to them only when they have realized that they are foolish, weak, and despised in themselves (1:26–28). So when unbelievers see the wisdom of the saved, it points them not to man but to Christ (1:31).

### ASK

1. Did Solomon faithfully follow God all his life?  
*No. Sadly, Solomon strayed from God's commands later in life.*
2. What does God give to all those who trust in His Son for salvation?  
*Godly wisdom, along with righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.*
3. Why does God give Christians godly wisdom?  
*For His own honor and glory; to point unbelievers to Jesus.*
4. Should Christians boast about the wisdom God has given them?  
*No. Godly wisdom is a gift God gives to the foolish, weak, and despised of this world.*

### DISCUSS

1. Many search for true wisdom, but few find it. Why is this? Have you humbled yourself and come to Christ?
2. When you act with godly wisdom, you become a living testimony of God's power and grace. How can you display godly wisdom this week?

## NEXT WEEK

### God's glory fills the temple

1 Kings 8:1–9:9

