

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do you understand by an “understanding heart”?
2. Why do you think God gave so bountifully to Solomon?
3. Why do you think Solomon requested wisdom?
4. What should be our motive in “seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”?

### SUMMARY:

Solomon received “wisdom from above” to better enable him to carry out the task given him by God. God promises to also give us this wisdom when we ask. (James 1:5; 3:17)

Concerning the wisdom of God, Solomon writes, “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding.” (Proverbs 4:7)

He also writes, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10) Dearly beloved do you have the true wisdom? And do you have the real understanding?

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

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Third Quarter

## SOLOMON RECEIVES WISDOM

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**LESSON TEXT:** *1 Kings 3:5-15*

**LESSON SETTING:** God appears to Solomon in a dream.

**TIME:** Approximately 1014 B.C.

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- I. SOLOMON’S WISE CHOICE.** (vs. 5-9)
  - A. God offers a Choice (vs. 5) Deuteronomy 30:19; John 1:11-12
  - B. God’s Goodness acknowledged (vs. 6) Psalm 40:5, 10; Romans 2:4
  - C. A Need Recognized (vs. 7-8) Psalm 53:1-2
  - D. A Wise Choice Made (vs. 9) Joshua 24:15, 24; Psalm 3:5-6
- II. GOD’S RESPONSE.** (vs. 10-12)
  - A. God Pleased (vs. 10) Psalm 147: 11; Hebrews 11:6
  - B. God Grants Request (vs. 11-12) James 1:5; Proverbs 2:3-6
- III. AN ADDITIONAL BLESSING.** (vs. 13-15)
  - A. God Gives More (vs. 13) Ephesians 3:20; Matthew 6:33
  - B. A Conditional Promise (vs. 14) 1 Kings 6:12
  - C. Solomon’s Gratitude (vs. 15) Hebrews 13:15-16

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED UNTO YOU.*  
Matthew 6:33

**NEXT SUNDAY LESSON:** 1 Kings 3:16-28; 4:20-34

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 2 Chronicles 8:1-8

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Life and Writings of Solomon

**TOPIC:** SOLOMON'S WISDOM, WEALTH AND FAME

**INTRODUCTION:**

Given a choice by God, Solomon had asked wisdom that he might do justice to God's great people. God responded with a promise to not only give wisdom, but also riches and honor.

God delights in giving to His people even more than they ask. God's blessings to us are limitless. And God, true to His Word, always keeps His promises.

The great wisdom given to Solomon even as a youthful king helped him immensely in some of the practical problems of his day. His willingness to hear and to judge in the dispute between two harlots exemplifies impartiality and a desire to do justice for all the people. His ability to arrive at a just solution -- with only the testimony of two disreputable women to consider does indeed evidence real wisdom.

Accordingly the people, on hearing it, "feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment." (1 Kings 3:28)

And Solomon's fame also spread far abroad. "And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom." (1 Kings 4:34)

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** God's blessings follow a complete consecration.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BY HUMILITY AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD ARE RICHES, AND HONOR AND LIFE.* Proverbs 22:4

God greatly rewards the humble person who fears Him. Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

Humility begins in the heart "... in lowliness of mind ... esteem others better than themselves." (Philippians 2:3) True humility does not consist in elaborate efforts to give an impression of self "humility" to others. Nor does humility consist in other kinds of elaborate efforts to impress others. True humility thinks not of self at all but rather of others and of God. It begins inside, and is reflected inside and out.

The "fear of the LORD" means recognizing Jehovah God for all that He is. It begins with our own humility, our insignificance. Then it means beholding with awe and reverence and deep respect the one true God. The Holy God; the Creator, the All-knowing, All-seeing, All-powerful God; King of Kings and Lord of Lords; and the only Savior for a lost and dying world. It means a full submission to Him and a full trust in Him because of all that He is.

The reward for humility and fear of Him are riches, and honor, and life.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 28 - August 3**

- M. \*Solomon Judges Wisely. 1 Kings 3:16-28
- T. \*Solomon's Prosperity. 1 Kings 4:20-28
- W. \*Solomon's Wisdom. 1 Kings 4:29-34
- T. God Given Wisdom. Proverbs 2:1-9
- F. Pathway to Wisdom and Wealth. Proverbs 3:1-10
- S. Value of Wisdom. Proverbs 3:11-26
- S. How to obtain Wisdom. Proverbs 4:1-13