

SOLOMON CHOOSES WISDOM

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1 KINGS 3:4-15A

Introduction

1. Humbly recognize your _____
2. Prioritize _____ and _____
3. _____ - or face consequences
4. Point others to _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. What two or three things would you hope the eulogizers at your memorial service say about your life? Why is it important to think about your legacy today?
2. Watch the 8-minute Bible Project video about I, II Kings OR skim-read the 4-page intro to them in an NIV Study Bible. Then make a list of 5 things you learned about these books.
3. Read I Kings 3:4-9. Why should wisdom be at the top of our list of requests from God? Why might we sometimes not recognize our need for wisdom?
4. What two applications for wisdom does Solomon mention in v.9? Do you see a need for wisdom in these two areas of your life? Explain (i.e., describe specific situations you face).
5. Read I Kings 3:10-15. How does God respond to Solomon's request for wisdom? Why is God so pleased with Solomon's request?
6. What condition must Solomon meet to experience God's blessing (v.14)? Explain the relationship between wisdom and obedience (i.e., why they are so closely tied together).
7. What are some of the foolish things that Solomon did during his lifetime? Why do wise people sometimes do foolish things? What lesson can you learn for your own life from this observation?
8. Read I Kings 3:27, 28; 4:34; and 10:6-9. How did people respond to Solomon's displays of wisdom? Why would your own displays of wisdom point people to God?
9. How could you become a wiser person? How could you pass on a legacy of wisdom to others?

PRAYER PROMPT: God's Wisdom. Spend some time reflecting on the ways you see God's wisdom in your life or the world around you. Pray words of thanks, affirmation, or celebration of God's wisdom.