



Solomon: Wisdom

Wisdom of God

What is God's Wisdom

Wisdom is the ability to discern right and wrong. With the LORD'S wisdom one can make correct choices based upon information from God's Word and knowledge imparted by the LORD. These decisions will be glorifying to God.

How to Attain God's Wisdom

Know the LORD as your God through His Son Jesus Christ, be saved. Jesus Christ is made wisdom unto believers.

Ask the LORD for wisdom - prayer.

Gain knowledge of the LORD through His Word - Bible reading, study, and meditation.

Wisdom will be given as needed.

Lessons for Leaders

Remain Humble

Solomon was a young man given the keys to a mighty kingdom. It may have been tempting to be filled with pride, with thoughts such as "look at what I have" or "look at who I am." With power, prestige, and possessions it's easy to be lifted up in the heart. This was not the case with Solomon. When conversing with the LORD the young king's humility was evident.

Solomon referred to himself in a humble manner, as a servant and small child. This tells us that the man blessed with much still knew that the LORD was above him.

Solomon recognized his shortcomings. People tend to boast of their strengths and avoid discussing their weaknesses. Even when it comes to God and in prayer. Here we find Solomon admitting his inability to lead the people. Because of this, the inexperienced king asked for wisdom and it was granted him.

No matter the circumstances, remain humble before the LORD.

Earn Respect

Solomon discovered that the best way to gain respect was to earn it. Instead of boasting of his wisdom from the LORD, he applied it. In difficult situations Solomon made correct decisions and judgments. Others noticed the king's wisdom and soon he had the respect of the people. Don't tell people what you can do, show them and earn their respect.

Importance of People

When talking about the people, Solomon correctly referred to them as the LORD'S. The people did not belong to the king. It was not his position to tell them how to live but to lead and guide them correctly. They were God's people and the LORD had a purpose and plan for them. If not careful, leaders can come to believe that people belong to them, when this occurs they will dictate and demand instead of lead. Keep in mind, the LORD is the creator of all people. Everyone is under his authority and the saved are in His care. So respect people and lead them correctly.

Spiritual Matters

There was much confusion in the land concerning worship of the LORD. Upon entering the land of promise the Israelites were to remove all of the high places that were dedicated to the worship of false gods. The people were to worship and sacrifice unto the LORD God and this was to be done at the Tabernacle, which was located at Gibeon when Solomon became king. Instead, many of the high places remained and were used to worship the LORD.

Why was this?

It was due to convenience - it was inconvenient to go to Gibeon and easier to offer sacrifices where they were. It became about them, and not the LORD. The same can be seen today. "Does it fit with my schedule", "what will I get out of it", or "is it comfortable", are some of the thoughts that determine how and when people worship God. Worshipping the LORD should never be about us. If so, it is wrong.

It was due to compromise - it mixed mankind's ideas with God's plan. To them it seemed like a good idea, they could worship the LORD on top of high places like others did their gods. It seemed harmless, but the problem, it was not what the LORD determined. God had a place for them to worship and sacrifice unto Him. They were not to create their own way but follow the way the LORD established. By adding to and changing the LORD'S method of worship they hindered their relationship with Him.

Whenever the LORD'S ways become tainted with mankind's ideas there will be confusion