

## SOLOMON; GROWING IN WISDOM

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 1:7

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| Introduction:   |
| " <sup>13</sup> But true wisdom and power are found in God; counsel and understanding are his."  Job 12:13 nlt  |
| 1. Wisdom   |
| "For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding."  Proverbs 2:6 nlt  |
| "105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." Psalm 119:105  |
| "17 asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom <sup>[a]</sup> and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God." Ephesians 1:17 nlt  |
| "13Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding." Proverbs 3:13 niv  |
| 2. Wisdom   |
| "24 Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.  27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash." Matthew 7:24-27 nlt |
| " <sup>22</sup> But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. <sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." James 1:22-25 nlt    |
| 3. Wisdom   |

"¹My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. ²Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. ³Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. ⁴Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. ⁵Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. ⁶For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup>He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. <sup>8</sup>He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him." Proverbs 2:1-8 nlt

"5If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." James 1:5 nlt

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"9 Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?"

1 Kings 3:9 nlt

"<sup>13</sup>If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. <sup>15</sup>For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. <sup>16</sup>For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. <sup>18</sup>And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness." James 3:13-18 nlt

"12But do people know where to find wisdom? Where can they find understanding? 13No one knows where to find it, for it is not found among the living. ... 23God alone understands the way to wisdom; he knows where it can be found, 24for he looks throughout the whole earth and sees everything under the heavens." Job 28:12-13; 23-24 nlt

"5Trust in the Lordwith all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5-6 nlt

## **Conclusion:**

"10The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom. All those who do his work have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!" Psalm 111:10 web