



Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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Alternate Options

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SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 3: 7-14

⁷ “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.”

ENGAGE

Where do most Americans turn for wisdom for life's decisions? In what ways is that good and bad?

Where do most Christians turn for wisdom? Are we truly different?

DISCUSS

1. Read the focus passage. What did Solomon ask for? What was the result?

Read Matthew 6:32-33. How does these passages relate?

2. What makes God the source of all true wisdom? Is there any comparison here to an owner's manual for a car?

3. Psalm 37:4 says “Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Do you find this to always be true? If it isn’t, what must this verse mean?
4. How can we make sense of God’s will when it doesn’t at all look logical to us?
5. If true wisdom starts with knowing God, give some of the many ways we can tap in to that? What is the prerequisite?

How important is a consistent daily walk?
6. It has been said that God doesn’t reveal His will just so we can have another opinion. Do you think a commitment to fully obey precedes God revealing His will for us?
7. How does the statement hit you that “all our decisions lead to outcomes”? What are the implications of that?
8. Tell of a time you needed wisdom and how God directed you.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Work on consistency in your time of Bible reading and prayer. Also, discuss some life decisions with a wise Christian friend.

CHILDREN’S TIME

1. Who is the wisest person you know? Do you get other people’s opinions when making decisions?
2. Tell the story of Solomon and how God blessed him. Do we seek wisdom or stuff?
3. Read Matthew 6:32-33. What do we learn from this verse?
4. Have any of you ever used instructions to put something together? What makes the instructions so smart? What is God’s instruction manual? Do you read it?
5. It has been said that God doesn’t reveal His will just so we can have another opinion. Do you think a commitment to fully obey precedes God revealing His will for us?

OTHER PASSAGES SITED

Psalm 124:4
1 Cor. 1:21
Eph. 3:10
Romans 8:28-29
Proverbs 3:5-6
1 Pet. 4:19