

The Blessing of Wisdom

If God came to you and said, "Ask me anything you want, and I will give it to you," what would you request? What would be the one thing you wanted above all else? Would it be to be healed of a sickness? Would it be 20 million dollars? Would you ask for world peace, the end of the current pandemic?

There is a man in the Bible who found himself in this situation. At the beginning of his reign, God appeared to Solomon in a dream. He said to the newly appointed king, "Ask what you wish Me to give you" (1 Kings 3:5). Amazingly, Solomon did not ask for fame, riches, and a long reign as king. Instead, he asked for wisdom. He asked for good judgment that would enable him to lead God's people righteously (1 Kings 3:6-9).

God was so pleased and impressed with this request that He gave Solomon great wisdom, and He also promised to provide him with riches, honor, and long life if he was obedient to the Lord (1 Kings 3:10-15).

Throughout the Bible, we learn that wisdom is valuable, and God is pleased when His children ask for it.

- "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given him" (James 1:5).
- "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7).
- "How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gains understanding" (Proverbs 3:13).
- "Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget her, and she will guard you; love her, and she will guard you" (Proverbs 4:5-6).
- "She (a reference to wisdom) is more precious than jewels; and nothing you desire compares with her" (Proverbs 3:15).

Here is a challenge I want to give you. For the next week, at least once a day, spend some time talking to God about wisdom. Ask God for wisdom and tell Him why you want it. Remember, Solomon told God why he wanted wisdom (1 Kings 3:9). Beg God for wisdom that will help you be a better spouse, or parent, or student of the Bible, or worker on your job. Petition God for wisdom that will equip you to become more conscious of the devil's work and avoid the pitfalls he puts before you.

With all the things you will pray over the next seven days, don't forget about wisdom! God promises to give it to you generously if you are humble enough to see its value.