



A TIME FOR WISDOM
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KEY SCRIPTURE

2 Chronicles 1:7-8, 10-12

That night God appeared to Solomon and said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!" Solomon replied to God, "You showed great and faithful love to David, my father, and now you have made me king in his place. Give me the wisdom and knowledge to lead them properly." God said to Solomon, "Because your greatest desire is to help your people, I will certainly give you wisdom and knowledge. But I will also give you wealth, riches, and fame such as no other king has had before you or will ever have in the future!"

Ecclesiastes 7:12

Wisdom and money can get you almost anything, but only wisdom can save your life.

Ecclesiastes 2:13-14

Wisdom is better than foolishness, just as light is better than darkness. For the wise can see where they are going, but fools walk in the dark.

Additional Scripture: Proverbs 9:10, Ecclesiastes 12:13, John 14:16-17, James 1:5, Ecclesiastes 9:17, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, Ecclesiastes 12:11, Ecclesiastes 7:4, Colossians 2:3

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What do you want in life? God asked Solomon that same question, and surprisingly he answered, "wisdom and knowledge." God was so pleased with his answer that he blessed him with wealth, power and fame, in addition to wisdom. But when Solomon looked at all he had, he realized it wasn't wealth or power or fame that was the key to a flourishing life. It was wisdom. According to Solomon, instead of daydreaming about buckets of cash, we should be daydreaming about overflowing buckets of wisdom because only wisdom is the pathway to a fulfilling life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. If God asked you today, "What do you want?", how would you answer? Would your answer have been different six months ago? One year ago? Five years ago? How has your perspective changed over time?
- 2. Read **James 1:5**. When is the last time you asked God for wisdom? How often do you start your day acknowledging that God is in charge, not you? Do you face every day with a prayerful dependence on God, asking him to direct your thoughts, words and decisions? How would your life be different if you started to make this a regular habit?
- 3. Read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10** and **Ecclesiastes 12:11**. Who is in your people stream? Who in your life can reach out and help you when needed?
- 4. The final stream that John talked about is the past/future stream. What can you learn from your past? Are there areas or situations you need to avoid to prevent from falling back into past habits?

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If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all. **James 1:5**