



# Solomon Writes Many Proverbs

**1 Kings 4:29-34; Proverbs 1:1-7**

**The Lord granted to Solomon...great wisdom. Why?**

**Note all the traits and gifts God gave to Solomon:**

- **Wisdom**
- **Great Insight**
- **A great portion of understanding**

**Solomon used what God gave him:**

**He spoke; He wrote; He taught; He described details of God's creation.**

**If you gained great wisdom, how do you think you would use it?**

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**Is there anything that you would like to see accomplished that you don't feel you can at this time in your life....or, because of your lack of ability, you cannot accomplish this one thing...but would still like to?**



# ***Interweaving Faith into Your Lives!***

**James 1:5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”**

**When under pressure...Is your immediate decision the decision to ask help from the Lord?**

**What decisions are you facing today that you need some wise counsel?**

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**Do you have someone that you can look to as an example of using godly discretion and true wisdom in their encounters and problems in life? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Who? \_\_\_\_\_**

**What qualities do they have that help you know they have the gift of wisdom?**

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**As a parent, what are you going through right now that a great big dose of wisdom would help determine the outcome of the dilemma?**

**As a Christian, are there times when you feel you don't make the right choices?**

**It is important to know when to rely on your own choice for a decision and look to God for the final choices in life. God gives us wisdom when asked...and it is not something that he gives and takes back. However, it is important to stay in communication with Him by keeping our lives holy before him. This is done through a consistent prayer life that yields mind, spirit, soul and body to Him.**



# Summary of Today's Lesson

## Solomon's Dealings with God



- The people of Israel were not the only ones who were amazed by Solomon's wisdom (people in surrounding countries were awed by Solomon's astounding wisdom).
- According to Scripture he was wiser than anyone else in the Middle East.
- Kings of other countries sent constituents to learn of Solomon's great wisdom and teachings.
- Solomon's fame spread throughout the known world.
- Much of Solomon's wisdom was written down and preserved for future generations.
- Solomon wrote 3,000 proverbs; many recorded in the book of Proverbs.
- Solomon was credited with writing Song of Songs, Psalms 72 and 127. He is thought to have probably written the book of Ecclesiastes.
- **The proverbs of Solomon were not written for Solomon's glory or a showcase for his wisdom. They were written for the reader (the listener) in:**
  - ✓ **Attaining wisdom and discipline (1:2)**
  - ✓ **Understanding words of insight (1:2)**
  - ✓ **Acquiring a disciplined and prudent life (1:3)**
  - ✓ **Doing what is right, just, and fair (1:3)**
  - ✓ **Giving prudence to the simple (1:4)**
  - ✓ **Knowledge and discretion to the young (1:4)**
- He wrote so that God's people would think before acting and live better lives as an example for others.
- The word "wisdom" occurs 51 times in the book of Proverbs (main theme of book).
- "Wisdom" in Proverbs is used to include the concept of living skillfully according to God's plan....thus avoiding moral failings that stunt the spiritual growth of the children of God.
- Verse 7 of chapter 1 is pivotal in understanding the overarching theme..."The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Fearing God conveys the idea of reverence and submission to the lordship of God.
- True wisdom then is....when we honor God with our worship and submission to His will.
- Throughout most of Solomon's reign, he applied God's principles of wisdom in ruling the people of Israel. This resulted in peace and prosperity for the nation.
- **When a nation faithfully follows God, that nation benefits under the protection of God....God's hand is faithfully on the willing and faithful heart.**



## **FAITH AND WISDOM GO HAND IN HAND (COOPERATIVE TRAITS).**

- **"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much." Mother Teresa of Calcutta**
- **"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." St. Thomas Aquinas**
- **"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."**
- **"One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to sacrifice what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying." Bastet**
- **"The smallest seed of faith is better than the largest fruit of happiness." Henry David Thoreau**
- **Faith is putting all your eggs in God's basket, then counting your blessings before they hatch." Ramona C. Carroll**

**Without faith it is impossible to please God.**

**Wisdom is spelled = FAITH**

**Hebrews 11:6**

**IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILDRENGRANDCHILDREN TO USE WISDOM  
AND DISCRETION IN THEIR DECISIONS IN LIFE, THEY MUST  
LEARN FROM THEIR ELDERS.**

**IT MIGHT BE MANY YEARS OF HEARTACHES FOR THEM...BUT IN  
THE END, THEY WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR WISDOM AND  
FAITHFULNESS....**

**GOD DOES NOT LIE NOR DOES HE TEASE FOR PLEASURE.**