

# IMPACT

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## Our Memory Verse

7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast  
made thy servant king instead of David  
my father: and I am but a little child:  
9 Give therefore thy servant an under-  
standing heart to judge thy people, that  
I may discern between good and bad:  
for who is able to judge this t  
hy so great a people?  
10 And the speech pleased the Lord,  
that Solomon had asked this thing.  
—1 Kings 3:7, 9-10—



STRAIGHT FROM THE  
BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART

## LESSONS ON THE LIFE OF SOLOMON Lesson No. 37 SOLOMON—GOD'S MAN OF WISDOM "GOD'S APPEARANCE AND SOLOMON'S REQUEST" I KINGS 3

C. God's Answer to D. Solomon's Evidence of Wisdom (1  
Solomon's Request and Kings 3:28; 4:29-34).

the Evidence of His  
Wisdom

### 1. God Grants Solomon's Request (1 Kings 3:10-15).

1.1. God noted what Solomon did not ask. He did not ask for long life, riches, even for his enemies to be killed. He asked for a wise and understanding heart and God gave these things to him. When we pray within the will of God, we can be sure that God will answer our prayers positively.

1.2. God is gracious, for in fact, He did not just give Solomon what he requested but also gave him riches and honor. True wealth, however, are not the material things (Matthew 6:19-20).

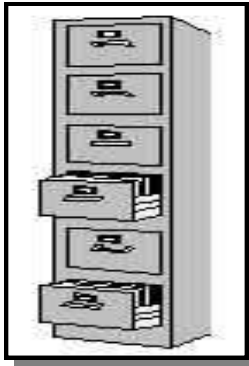
1.3. Though Solomon had great wisdom, he never had the spiritual wisdom to walk in the ways of the Lord, unlike his father David. Though David was not perfect and did more heinous crimes than Solomon, he dealt with his sin problems and had respect for the law of God. Thus we find how he admonished Solomon his son that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 9:10).

1. Solomon achieved great things as king of Israel. He set a pattern for the kings who would follow him. Remarkably, this was the pattern of human government unto relatively modern times.

2. Solomon became the king who was above and beyond all others, somewhat a picture of how the Lord Jesus Christ will reign someday in His millennial kingdom. His wisdom was recognized by all nations around him. He had understanding of human nature and of the physical world. He accomplished things that had never been done before without having to go to war. Like the meaning of his name, Solomon ruled in peace.

3. Israel became prosperous beyond one's imagination, but not because of Solomon's innate talent or ability. We need to recognize that it was God that made all of Israel's prosperity possible as a direct result of His granting Solomon's request.

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# The BMA ARCHIVES

Dr. Benny M. Abante's  
**PREACHING MATERIALS**

**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK  
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD  
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE  
IN A YEAR**

**CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:**

NOVEMBER 13	ACTS 28:11-16
NOVEMBER 14	HEB 4:14-16
NOVEMBER 15	1 JOHN 4:7-16
NOVEMBER 16	ISAIAH 55:1-7
NOVEMBER 17	PSALM 59:10-17
NOVEMBER 18	ROMANS 5:15-21
NOVEMBER 19	EPH 2:11-18

To memorize one (1) verse in every chapter, tokens shall be awarded to those who can recite all memory verses after every book.

*Contd. from p. 1*

## CONCLUSION

At the end of his life, Solomon realized that understanding spiritual matters are more important than human wisdom (Ecc. 12:13, 14). While Solomon's human wisdom was unique, we believers today can have spiritual wisdom. We simply have to ask God for it (James 1:5). We can use this wisdom to make good and right choices in our everyday lives. This will enable us to live in peace and harmony in our daily lives. And more importantly, godly wisdom will prepare us for eternity.

No matter how grand Solomon's kingdom was, it has long since passed from the earth. In contrast, the glory of the kingdom of Christ is yet to be revealed. A truly wise man will seek his place in the heavenly kingdom and pray for spiritual wisdom that comes only from above.

**—BP's Messages/David Robinson,  
Through the Bible 11.13.16**



### **Matthew Henry's Commentary on Wisdom**

#### **James 1:5 KJV**

**Prayer is a duty recommended also to suffering Christians; and here the apostle shows, (1.) What we ought more especially to pray for—wisdom:** If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God. We should not pray so much for the removal of an affliction as for wisdom to make a right use of it. And who is there that does not want wisdom under any great trials or exercises to guide him in his judging of things, in the government of his own spirit and temper, and in the management of his affairs? To be wise in trying times is a special gift of God, and to him we must seek for it. **(2.)** In what way this is to be obtained—upon our petitioning or asking for it. Let the foolish become beggars

at the throne of grace, and they are in a fair way to be wise. It is not said, "Let such ask of man," no, not of any man, but, "Let him ask of God," who made him, and gave him his understanding and reasonable powers at first, of him in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Let us confess our want of wisdom to God and daily ask it of him. **(3.)** We have the greatest encouragement to do this: he giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not. Yea, it is expressly promised that it shall be given, Jas. 1:5. Here is something in answer to every discouraging turn of the mind, when we go to God, under a sense of our own weakness and folly, to ask for wisdom. He to whom we are sent, we are sure, has it to give: and he is of a giving disposition, inclined to bestow this upon those who ask. Nor is there any fear of his favours being limited to some in this case, so as to exclude others, or any humble petitioning soul; for he gives to all men. If you should say you want a great deal of wisdom, a small portion will not serve your turn, the apostle affirms, he gives liberally; and lest you should be afraid of going to him unseasonably, or being put to shame for your folly, it is added, he upbraideth not. Ask when you will, and as often as you will, you will meet with no upbraidings. And if, after all, any should say, "This may be the case with some, but I fear I shall not succeed so well in my seeking for wisdom as some others may," let such consider how particular and express the promise is: It shall be given him. Justly then must fools perish in their foolishness, if wisdom may be had for asking, and they will not pray to God for it. But, **(4.)** There is one thing necessary to be observed in our asking, namely, that we do it with a believing, steady mind: Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering, Jas. 1:6. The promise above is very sure, taking this proviso along with us; wisdom shall be given to those who ask it of God, provided they believe that God is able to make the simple wise, and is faithful to make good his word to those who apply to him. This was the condition Christ insisted on, in treating with those who came to him for healing: Believest thou that I am able to do this? There must be no wavering, no staggering at the promise of God through unbelief, or through a sense of any disadvantages that lie on our own part.