



7 That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.'  
2 Chronicles 1:7

Solomon answered God, "You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?" 2 Chronicles 1:8, 10

God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, riches or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, riches and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have." 2 Chronicles 1:11-12

God  **blesses**  those who recognize that everything they have comes from Him, and who seek His wisdom and understanding to steward it in a way that  **honors**  Him.

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16

12 I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart  such as no one else has had or ever will have!  1 Kings 3:12

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Proverbs 1:8

#### Difference between wisdom and knowledge:

Knowledge is the  **accumulation**  of facts and data, and wisdom is the ability to  **apply**  that information with sound judgment and discernment.

#### What makes us wise:

- When we choose our  **friends**  carefully.

Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces. Proverbs 13:20

- When we're in the  **Word of God.**

The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7

- When we're  **humble**  and teachable.

Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Proverbs 11:2

- When we  **ask God**  for wisdom.

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

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

- When we  **fear**  the Lord.

Fearing God enables us to have greater  **intimacy**  with God.

The LORD is a friend to those who fear him. Psalm 25:14

- The fear of the Lord is a  **personal**  response to God that displays our  **heart**  for God.

Oh, that they would always (not just sometimes or on Sundays...but always) have hearts like this, that they might fear me and obey all my commands! If they did, they and their descendants would prosper forever.

Deuteronomy 5:29

#### Living in the Fear of the Lord means:

- I take God  **seriously.**

How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways... Psalm 128:1

- I want to  **please**  God.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. Psalm 112:1

- I have  **humility**  towards God.

"He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way... Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose." Psalm 25:9, 12

- I choose to  **obey**  God.

Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. Ecclesiastes 12:13

#### When we fear the Lord:

- We take  **sin**  seriously.

To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. Proverbs 8:13

- We  **follow**  the Lord.

How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways... Psalm 128:1

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil

Proverbs 3:5-7

- We make wisdom a  **priority.**

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,  turning your ear to wisdom  and  applying your heart to understanding — indeed,  if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,  then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:1-6



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

#### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- From 2 Chronicles 1:7, what would you ask God for—and why?
- Why do you think Solomon chose wisdom instead of wealth or success?
- What's the difference between knowledge and wisdom in your own life?
- Which area of your life right now needs God's wisdom the most?
- How are your friendships shaping your decisions? (Proverbs 13:20)
- What role does God's Word currently play in your daily life? (Psalm 19:7)
- Is there an area where pride might be keeping you from growing? (Proverbs 11:2)
- What's one practical way you can start asking God for wisdom this week? (James 1:5)
- How can you make wisdom a priority in your daily life?

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