



# “Wisdom Above Wealth” The Story of Solomon

1 Kings 3

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**BIG IDEA:** The wisdom of God is more important than any “thing” you can acquire in your life.

**Memory Verse:** *Wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.* Proverbs 8:11

**Characteristics of wise people:**

**1. You will give God the credit for your \_\_\_\_\_.** (7a)  
*7a Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David.*

**2. You will acknowledge your \_\_\_\_\_.** (7b)  
*7b I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.*

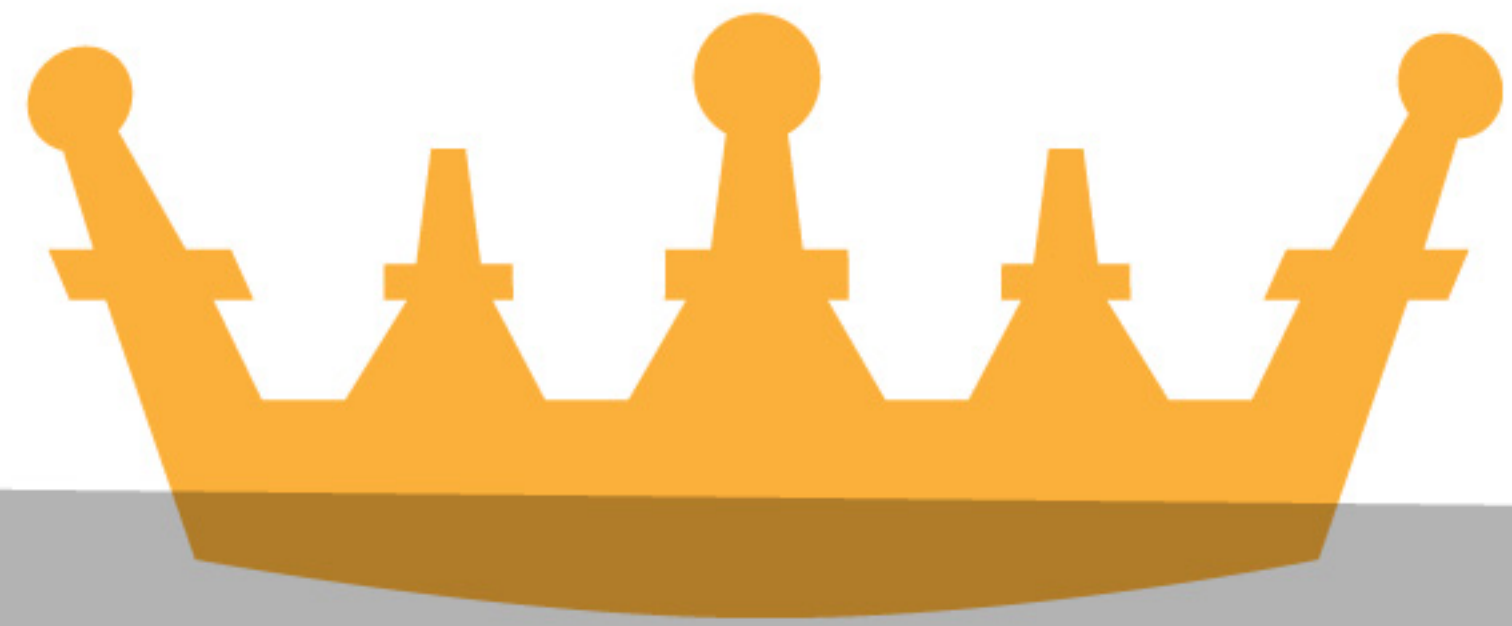
**3. You will see yourself as a \_\_\_\_\_.** (8)  
*8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number.*

**4. You will seek God's wisdom above \_\_\_\_\_.** (9)  
*9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.*

**Suggested assignment:** Read through the book of Proverbs over the next month. 31 chapters = 1 chapter per day. On July 8, read Proverbs 8; on July 27, read Proverbs 27, etc. Highlight some of the wise sayings that you need to incorporate into your life.

**Wisdom**

**Above** Wealth



**The Story of Solomon**

# Big Idea

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**What would you ask God for?**

**Memory Verse:** Wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

**Proverbs 8:11**



"Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number.

**1 Kings 3:7-8**

So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

**1 Kings 3:9**

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,

**1 Kings 3:10-11**



I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

**1 Kings 3:12**

Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for-- both riches and honor-- so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

**1 Kings 3:13-14**



**You will give God the credit for your success.**



**You will acknowledge your weaknesses.**



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**You will see yourself as a servant.**





**You will seek God's wisdom above riches.**

Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

**Proverbs 4:5-7**

**The benefits of pursuing wisdom:**

The wisest thing you can do:  
**Walk in God's ways**

**God's ways win! His design wins!**

**It will go best for you when you  
walk in his wisdom.**