

Connection

What is a word in the English language that you have always struggled to pronounce or spell?

Content

Life Lesson #3: God offers His divine wisdom but you must ask for it.

1 Kings 4:30-31

“Solomon’s wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt. He was wiser than anyone else, including Ethan the Ezrahite—wiser than Heman, Kalkol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations.”

God offers his divine wisdom to us and we need to seek Him out.
Brainstorm: what are all the areas in life in which you need wisdom?

1. If Solomon was the most wise man in the known world at that time, how did that serve as a testament to God?

An Explanation of Wisdom

For us to understand the wisdom God is offering us, we need understand what wisdom means and what it is.

2. Proverbs 9:10 says “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” How is fear of God actually the foundation of wisdom?

3. Proverbs 2:1-6 provides us with an explanation of wisdom. What do the words “insight, understanding, and knowledge” mean in regards to wisdom? What other words from this passage jumped out to you?

4. "And if you look for it (wisdom) 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." - Proverbs 2:5

What is something in your life that your searching for right now & how are you going about it?

5. Read Proverbs 8:1-3 & Proverbs 4:7. God's wisdom calls out to you in everything you do, in all aspects of your life. At every crossroad, and at every decision you make.

How do you need wisdom in your life, and how do you believe God is calling out to you?

An Example of Wisdom

Read 1 Kings 3:16-28 & James 3:17.

Solomon didn't think less of those who came before him for help. He would listen to their requests and proceed to hear their case and gather the facts.

6. Consider a decision you've recently made. What were the necessary facts that you needed to gather to make an informed decision?

7. God will give you a supernatural leaning or a "gut feeling" to make a decision at times. When has this happened in your life?

Commitment

8. Often the place where you are stressed or worried is the place you have the greatest need for wisdom. Where in your life are you feeling that today? _____

Pray through James 3:17, asking God to show you how to move forward in this area with the kind of wisdom this verse speaks of.

Challenge Assignment: Memorize James 3:17:

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure, then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."