



and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kinds like you all your days. <sup>14</sup>If you walk in My ways, keeping My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days.”

Deuteronomy 17:16 Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses...

<sup>17</sup>He shall not multiply wives for himself or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

<sup>18</sup>“Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup>It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life... <sup>20</sup>that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

<sup>1</sup> Kings 10:27 The king made silver *as common* as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamore trees that are in the lowland. <sup>28</sup>Also Solomon’s import of horses was from Egypt and Kue, *and* the king’s merchants procured *them* from Kue for a price. <sup>29</sup>A chariot was imported from Egypt for 600 *shekels* of silver, and a horse for 150; and by the same means they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and to the kinds of the Arameans.

<sup>1</sup> Kings 11:1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh; Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, <sup>2</sup>from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the sons of Israel, “You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, *for* they will surely turn your heart away after gods.” Solomon held fast to these in love. <sup>3</sup>He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives



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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Everybody Qualifies

Solomon

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Prayer Requests:

**Group Discussion:** Discuss one bad decision you made that led to a good lesson or one good decision you made that kept you from a painful experience.

**Read: I Kings 3:1-15**

James 4:8 says, Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Notice how Solomon draws near to God and shows his connection and commitment by the enormous number of sacrifices. God responds to his commitment by asking him what his greatest need and desire are. Solomon asks for wisdom. How would you summarize what this passage is teaching us? Is it, "If we sacrifice God will grant us one wish like a Genie?" How does drawing near to God work in your life?

Vs. 6 Solomon thanks God for His "lovingkindness." That is God's loyal covenant of love. Solomon also mentions how David "walked" with God. David and Solomon had this mutual commitment relationship with God. What words or phrases would you use if someone were to ask you, "how God is committed to you?" How would you explain your commitment to God?

In vs. 10-12 Solomon is rewarded by God for wanting to be the best leader or King for the people of God. Do you know any wise people? What are they like? Why do you think they are wise? If you were to take responsibility for wisdom, what areas of your life would you ask God to impact?

To take responsibility for wisdom you have to walk with wise people, Proverbs 13:20. What life experiences have you walked through with a wise person? Who has given you wise counsel? To whom have you supplied wise counsel?

The last application is to obey. Proverbs 23:23 says, Buy truth and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding. How do you buy truth? Solomon is taking a concept and making it a commodity. People invest in commodities and purchase them. What concepts would you turn into commodities and purchase?

**Family Time:** Take a little time at a meal and lead a discussion about asking God for wisdom. What is wisdom? How do you get it? Read James 1:5. Then lead a prayer asking God that each person, name each individually, would grow in wisdom.