

Series: Wisdom & Obedience, a study in 1 Kings

Sermon: Wisdom & Humility

Primary text: 1 Kings 3:3-14

Discussion Guide:

- Share a comical or meaningful story of a humbling experience.
- What is humility?
 - What is the difference between self-loathing and Godly humility?
 - Why is an accurate awareness of God essential to true humility?
 - How does an accurate awareness of God help us gain an accurate awareness of self and others?
- Why is humility essential to obedience?
- Read 1 Kings 3:3-4
 - What does this text tell you about Solomon's attitude toward God?
- Read 1 Kings 3:5
 - Why do you think God offers this to Solomon?
 - If God made you such an offer right now what would you ask for and why? (honestly)
- Read 1 Kings 3:6-7
 - Why does Solomon believe he is on the throne?
 - Why is this essential to humility?
 - What does this tell you about the good things in your life? (see James 1:17)
 - What are some good things that come from God that we often neglect to be grateful for?
 - Why is it important to remember that *all* good things come from God?
 - Why is it so easy to feel entitled to instead of grateful for the good gifts God gives?
 - What can we do practically to help keep ourselves grateful instead of entitled?
- Read 1 Kings 3:7-8
 - What does Solomon think of himself?
 - Is he being self-loathsome or realistic?
 - What's the difference and why is that important?
 - Why is it important to know our limitations?
 - Should we use our limitations as excuses to give up or stay home?
 - Why or why not?

- What should we do when we become aware of our own weaknesses and limitations?
 - What can we do practically to maintain a healthy awareness of our limitations and weaknesses?
- Read 1 Kings 3:8-9
 - How does this text show us that Solomon is not about himself?
 - Consider all the scripture we've read, how many times does Solomon refer to himself as God's servant?
 - Why is this important?
 - What, specifically does Solomon ask for and why does he seek it?
 - read James 1:5
 - coupled with what we've read so far what do these texts tell you?
 - read 1 Kings 3:10-14
 - Why is God so pleased?
 - What is the significance of God giving Solomon riches and honor even though he didn't ask for those? (see Matthew 6:33)
 - What is God's point in verse 14?