

Series: Wisdom & Obedience, a study in 1 Kings

Sermon: Wisdom & Accomplishment Pt I

Primary Text: 1 Kings 4-9:9

Discussion guide:

- Share what you consider to be one of your greatest accomplishments?
 - Should you be grateful to God for that? why or why not?
- In the sermon we made the point that “Accomplishment threatens wisdom.” This is not to say that accomplishment is bad, on the contrary it is inevitable when truly living out Godly wisdom. However, it does pose a risk to wisdom.
 - Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- Why is that we have a tendency to forget the Lord and magnify ourselves when things go well?
- Read 1 Kings 4 and list all the things that are going well for Solomon and his kingdom.
 - How would you characterize or describe the kingdom at this point?
- Read 1 Kings 5:1-7 why is it a big deal that Solomon is about to build the temple?
 - According to v. 4 whom does Solomon credit with “peace on every side”? Why could it have been easy for Solomon to take credit for this?
 - Fast forward to after the temple is built and read 1 Samuel 8:15, 24
 - To whom does Solomon give credit for the construction of the temple? Why could it have been easy for Solomon to take credit for this?
 - Notice he does this before the great assembly of Israel – why is it important for Solomon to give God the credit in front of the people?
 - What does this teach you about how to handle your accomplishments?
 - Why is it important to actively give credit to God for any accomplishment?
- Read 1 Kings 5:4-5
 - According to Solomon, why has God given him peace on every side?
 - What is Solomon doing with accomplishment here?
 - Why is it important to use your accomplishment to serve God’s purposes?
 - How can you or have you used the accomplishment(s) mentioned in answer to the first question for God’s purposes?
- Read 1 Kings 7
 - Notice Solomon builds himself a nice palace. Is it wrong to enjoy accomplishment?
 - When does it become a problem?
 - How can we enjoy accomplishment in a healthy way?
- Read 1 Kings 6:11-13
 - What is God’s point here?
 - Why do you think He’s mentioning this in the middle of building the temple?
 - Can we sometimes believe our accomplishment replaces obedience? (see 1 Samuel 15:22)