

Fathered by God Part 6: “Grow in Wisdom” (10-20-2019)

Last Week: “Come as a Child” – Planted (learning to grow where he has us)

This Week: “Grow in Wisdom” – Rooted (growing strong & established)

We want to rush on to maturity, but are we giving ourselves to the process of learning knowledge from God first? It’s not about length of time, but proper use of that time . . .

Hebrews 5:12-14 (ESV)

(12) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, (13) for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. (14) But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Notes: We are moving into eating solid food this morning. Learning to feed ourselves & use what we eat!

Let’s not be obese Christians – full of knowledge that we never use. Let knowledge be fuel for strong muscles!

1) Seek Wisdom

Solomon asks for wisdom, as He is becoming King (2 Chronicles chapter 1)

2 Chronicles 1:3 (ESV)

And Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon, for the tent of meeting of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness, was there.

Note: Moses & Joshua used this same tent to meet with God. And now Solomon follows their path!

2 Chronicles 1:4-5 (ESV)

(4) (But David had brought up the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim to the place that David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.) (5) Moreover, the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, had made, was there before the tabernacle of the LORD. And Solomon and the assembly sought it out.

Note: Things are not in order, so Solomon seeks out the presence of God.

2 Chronicles 1:6 (ESV)

And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the LORD, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

Note: Sacrifice, Worship, & the Presence of God go hand in hand. I don’t get to “use” God’s presence on my terms. It costs me something to go before Him (at least humility). That’s why we should never lose sight of the sacrifice of Jesus. He opened the way for you and I. (This principal remains: read Romans 12 – Living Sacrifice!)

2 Chronicles 1:7-10 (ESV)

(7) In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you." (8) And Solomon said to God, "You have shown great and steadfast love to David my father, and have made me king in his place. (9) O LORD God, let your word to David my father be now fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. (10) Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?"

Note: God says, "Ask away!" Solomon is aware of His Father's relationship with God, and aware of his own great need. Therefore, He asks for wisdom to navigate through life.

Who does Solomon see as the real King? (These are God's people!)

2 Chronicles 1:11-12 (ESV)

(11) God answered Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may govern my people over whom I have made you king, (12) wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like."

Note: Watch your motives, God sure does. Notice he paid attention to Solomon's heart. (Matt 6:33 - "Seek first His Kingdom and righteousness, and all of these things will be added unto you")

*When you ask for Wisdom - You will be given wisdom, and so much more!

2 Chronicles 1:13 (ESV)

So Solomon came from the high place at Gibeon, from before the tent of meeting, to Jerusalem. And he reigned over Israel.

Note: This is a 6 mile journey north. Go outside of the city and look north for wisdom. Before ruling there is worship. That's the proper order: Moses – Joshua – David – Solomon, the legacy of leadership is a man or woman who seeks God first, and draws wisdom from Him!

Will we take the time to journey to Gibeon before ascending our little thrones?

2) Receive Wisdom

How do we actually get a hold of wisdom from our Father & spiritual parents as they impart wisdom?

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 (ESV)

(7) But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. (8) So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

Note: The power of Truth in Love. They shared the gospel. Were Gentle, Affectionate, Very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-10 (ESV)

(9) For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. (10) You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.

Note: The power of **Modeling**. Be around people who practice what they preach! Parents, we have to live it - Solomon had David's example, and pointed to it when He pursued the Lord! (Note: David wasn't perfect!)

1 Thessalonians 2:11-13 (ESV)

(11) For you know how, like a father with his children, (12) we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

Note: The power of **Empowering**. Parents give room to grow – this is probably the hardest transition. Young Adults are coming into “their own.” Parents, at some point our role becomes more coaching than controlling. Coaches can't get out on the court; they can't “make” the athletes do it right. They teach and model, and then release them onto the field.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV)

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Note: This is wisdom – seeing God's Word for what it is. The very Words of God!!!

There is a severe lack of appreciation of the Value of God's Word. It's cheap and easily accessible.

3) Live Wisely**James 1:5-6 (ESV)**

(5) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (6) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

Note: When you ask for wisdom, be willing to receive it and take God at his Word.

James 1:22-25 (ESV)

(22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (23) For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. (24) For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. (25) But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Note: We are blessed in the doing. Wisdom uses what is has been given!