

Lesson Title: Solomon's Wisdom

Scripture Focus: I Kings 3:11-12

The Lesson in Context

When we look at the life of Solomon, we should appreciate his early years. His prayer life as a young man kept him focused on the right things. As a fledgling king, he devoted himself to Lady Wisdom. She brought joy, peace, and wealth into his life because he sought the wisdom that only comes from right relationship with God. Solomon experienced many happy years because of that single commitment.

However, Solomon failed to realize he needed to continually seek after God. Being right with God in the beginning did not necessarily mean he would be right with God at the end. Perhaps he grew too complacent, thinking the Lord would honor him no matter what. Perhaps growing pride that stemmed from his fame went before his destruction and led to his fall. If we are wise, we will heed the cautionary story of the wise king who became a fool.

Group Discussion

1. When you feel unequal to a task, what do you do?
2. How important is your prayer time to you? When do you have it?
3. How do you reach out for others' help and not feel threatened by their strengths?
4. What do God's promises in II Chronicles 7:14 mean to you?
5. Are you surprised by Solomon's sharp decline spiritually? How do we avoid the same trap?

My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?
