

#1 Summary

Pastor Andy discusses the importance of wisdom in living a fruitful life for God, using Solomon's story as a framework. He emphasizes that wisdom is essential for kingdom living and helps us get unstuck from harmful patterns. Through examining Solomon's encounter with God in 1 Kings 3, the pastor identifies five key traits that unlock divine wisdom: a spirit of sacrifice, an attitude of gratitude, a habit of honesty, a posture of humility, and a heart of understanding. These traits positioned Solomon to receive God's wisdom and can do the same for believers today.

#2 Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today seeking Your wisdom. As we discuss and reflect on the traits that unlock divine wisdom, open our hearts to receive what You want to teach us. Help us to be honest with ourselves about where we need to grow. Give us the courage to be sacrificial, grateful, honest, humble, and understanding. May this time together draw us closer to You and to the wisdom You freely give. In Jesus' name, amen.

#3 Ice Breaker

What's the most unintentionally funny or embarrassing moment you've had when you thought you knew something but were completely wrong?

#4 Key Verses

1 Kings 3:3-15

Proverbs 1:3

Ephesians 5:15-17

Romans 1:22

Psalms 51:6

Proverbs 11:2

#5 Questions

1. The pastor mentioned that wisdom helps us get unstuck. Can you share a time when gaining wisdom helped you move forward in an area where you felt stuck?
2. Of the five traits that unlock divine wisdom (sacrifice, gratitude, honesty, humility, understanding), which one do you feel like you need to work on the most?
3. Solomon sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings before God appeared to him. What does meaningful sacrifice look like in your life today?
4. The pastor said, "When entitlement walks in the front door, gratitude walks out the back." How have you seen this play out in your own life or in society?
5. How might developing a heart of understanding change your relationships with difficult people in your life?

#6 Life Application

This week, identify which of the five traits that unlock divine wisdom you most need to develop (spirit of sacrifice, attitude of gratitude, habit of honesty, posture of humility, or heart of understanding). Each day, take one practical step to grow in that area. For example, if you need more gratitude, write down three things you're thankful for each morning. If you need more understanding, intentionally try to see a difficult situation from someone else's perspective before responding. At the end of the week, reflect on how this intentional practice has affected your decision-making and relationships.

#7 Key Takeaways

- Wisdom is a requirement for kingdom living - we cannot live fruitful lives for God without wisdom.
- God can trust those with the right heart posture with greater blessings, as He did with Solomon.
- A spirit of sacrifice gets God's attention and opens the door to wisdom.
- Self-awareness and honesty about our limitations creates space for God to give us wisdom.
- Understanding others' situations accelerates our compassion, which is essential to godly wisdom.

#8 Ending Prayer

Lord God, thank You for showing us through Solomon's example how we can grow in wisdom. We confess that too often we rely on our own understanding rather than seeking Your divine wisdom. Help us to cultivate these five traits in our lives - to be sacrificial, grateful, honest, humble, and understanding. Give us the courage to be real about our limitations and the faith to trust You to fill those gaps with Your wisdom. As we go through this week, remind us to pause and seek Your wisdom before making decisions. May our lives reflect the wisdom that comes only from You, bringing glory to Your name and drawing others to know You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.