

How to Receive the Blessings of the Wise

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Fast Facts about Kings Solomon:

Main Passage: 1 Kings 2:1-4, NIV

David's Keys to the Kingdom: _____

Two Blessings of the Wise:

1. _____

1 Kings 2:3, NIV – ...Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.

2. _____

1 Kings 2:4, NIV – and that the Lord may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.'

Psalm 103:17-18, NLT – But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!

1 Kings 3:4, NIV – The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

- Solomon went "to Gibeon to offer sacrifices" because the _____ was there (see 2 Chronicles 1:1-6).

Solomon's Dream

1 Kings 3:5, NIV – At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

John 15:7, NLT – [Jesus says,] "But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted."

Solomon's Answer

1 Kings 3:6-15, NIV – Verses 9-12: So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "... I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

1 Kings 3:9, Solomon literally asks God for a “_____”

How Can I Receive the Blessings of the Wise?

Proverbs 9:10, NIV – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

- Here, “fear” doesn’t mean “scared of.” It means to “_____”,
to “treasure,” “cherish,” or to “_____” God.

John 14:15 (NCV – [Jesus says,] “If you love me, you will obey my commands.”

God has made wisdom _____!

1 Corinthians 2:16, NLT – For, ‘Who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?’ But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

John 16:13-15 (NLT), Jesus says,] “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’”

James 1:5, NCV – But if any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He is generous to everyone and will give you wisdom without criticizing you.

God Gives Wisdom to...

- _____ – Exodus 31:2-3, NLT – Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts.
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- _____ – 1 Kings 4:29-34, NLT – God gave Solomon very great wisdom and understanding, and knowledge as vast as the sands of the seashore...
- _____ – 1 Kings 3:9a, NIV – ...a discerning heart to govern [God’s] people.
- _____ – 1 Kings 3:9b, NIV – ...to distinguish between right and wrong.
- _____ – 1 Corinthians 1:30, NLT – God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.