



Wise

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Q—What motherly advice have you received in your life?

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? At the highest point along the way, where

the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud. Proverbs 8:1–3 (NIV)

Q—If God offered you one wish, what would it be?

1 Kings 3:3,5,9,19 (NIV)

wisdom = *hochma* (Hebrew), meaning skill or ability

Tell all the skilled workers to whom I have given wisdom in such matters that they are to make garments for Aaron, for his consecration, so he may serve me as priest. Exodus 28:3 (NIV)

Sermon in a Sentence: Wisdom is not in the knowing; it's in the doing.

⇒ **Wisdom starts in the _____.**

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5 (NIV)

Proverbs 8:4–5 (NIV)

Proverbs 7:18 (NIV)

⇒ **Wisdom is not about being smart; it's all about being _____.**

⇒ **There is a _____ through obedience.**

Q—What is Lady Wisdom saying to you today?

ANSWER KEY: asking, obedient, blessing



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Split Decision*

Share Together: What is the most memorable or impactful motherly advice you received in your life?

Look back together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message?

Read Together: 1 Kings 3:1-28 in sections below

Discuss Together

Based on verses 1-4

- What was it about Solomon that was different than the people of that day?

Based on verses 5-15

- Why would God offer such an opportunity to Solomon?
- What do you find so insightful and selfless about his response?
- How would you have responded with such a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity”?
- What was it about Solomon’s response that pleased God so much that he offered such generosity to him?
- How is wisdom more valuable than any other riches from this earth? See also Proverbs 8:11.
- Read James 1:5. How do we get wisdom? What methods does God use to give it to us?

Based on verses 16-28

- What about these two mothers do you find interesting, considering their reputation in society and the fact that they even had the opportunity to go before the King?
- How would you have felt if you were Solomon, having to mediate such a dysfunctional situation?
- How do you find Solomon’s decision both bold and brilliant? How did it draw out the truth of the situation?
- What does his example show us in how we are to seek wisdom in our decision- making process?
- When have you had to make a “split-second decision” that involved an excruciating choice? What was the outcome?
- Currently, are you faced with a big decision? How could you use prayer for this situation?

Pray Together: Take time to share how God has answered prayer and other prayer requests that you have today.