

## SERMON NOTES

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Solomon: 1 Kings 3:1-10

### 1. PRAY FOR WISDOM FOR EVERYDAY PRACTICAL MATTERS

#### Choosing Foolishness or Wisdom

**Proverbs 10:8; 18:2** -- The wise of heart will heed commandments, but a babbling fool comes to ruin . . . A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing personal opinion.

#### Handling Money

**Proverbs 16:16; 21:20** -- How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen over silver. Precious treasure remains in the house of the wise, but the fool devours it.

#### Learning & Decision Making

**Proverbs 10:17; 14:12** -- Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but one who rejects a rebuke goes astray. There is a way that seems right to a person, but its end is the way to death.

#### Hard Work

**Proverbs 10:26; 12:24** -- Like vinegar to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes, so are the lazy to their employers. The hand of the diligent will rule, while the lazy will be put to forced labor.

#### Friendship

**Proverbs 17:9** -- One who forgives an affront fosters friendship, but one who dwells on disputes will alienate a friend.

**Proverbs 18:24** -- Some friends play at friendship but a true FRIEND sticks closer than one's nearest kin.

#### Words

**Proverbs 18:21** -- Death and life are in the power of the tongue

**Proverbs 10:19** -- When words are many, transgression is not lacking,

**Proverbs 16:24** -- Pleasant words are sweet to the soul and health to the body.

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**The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** by Stephen Covey  
(each of these can be found in the Bible: especially Proverbs and the teaching of Jesus)

Habit 7: **Sharpen the Saw:** *renew yourself regularly*

Habit 6: **Synergize:** *work together to achieve more*

Habit 5: **Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood:** *listen to people*

Habit 4: **Think Win-Win:** *have an "everyone can win" attitude*

Habit 3: **Put First Things First:** *prioritize, do the most important things first*

Habit 2: **Begin with the End in Mind:** *define your mission and goals in life*

Habit 1: **Be Proactive:** *take responsibility for your life*

### 2. PRAY FOR WISDOM FOR RELATIONAL MATTERS

1 Kings 3:16-28 (Solomon and the Two Women)

Matthew 5-7, especially 5:21-26 (Jesus' Sermon on the Mount)

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### 3. PRAY FOR WISDOM IN RELIGIOUS MATTERS

#### God's Guidance

**Proverbs 16:3, 9** -- Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.

#### God's Strength

**Proverbs 21:31** --The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.

#### God takes care of our Anger

**Proverbs 20:22** -- Do not say, "I will repay evil"; wait for the LORD, and he will help you.

#### God provides our Happiness

**Proverbs 15:16** --Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it.

#### God's View of Human Beings

**Proverbs 22:2** -- The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

#### God sees through our Dishonesty and Lies

**Proverbs 11:1; 12:22** -- A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but an accurate weight is his delight. Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

#### God's concern for the Poor

**Proverbs 19:17** -- Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and will be repaid in full.

#### God's Concern for Justice

**Proverbs 21:3** -- To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

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### THE WISEST ACT OF ALL: SEEKING JESUS

#### Matthew 2:11

"On entering the house the Wise Men knelt and paid Jesus homage, opening their treasure chests, and offering gifts . . ."

#### 1 Corinthians 1: 23-25

We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.