

UnCommon Sense

“The Value of Wisdom”

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What would I ask for?

(1 Kings 3:5-14, pg 201 in SCC Bibles)

Solomon asked for wisdom because he...

- wanted to honor God
- knew he lacked it
- saw great value in it

Still Valuable Today (Proverbs 1-3)

Wisdom still has tremendous benefits...

- offers better quality of life
 - o discipline
 - o success
 - o joy
- gives direction
- provides protection
- pleases God

How to Get It (Proverbs 1-3)

Starts with fearing God

Comes from more than experience

Anyone can acquire it

Listen to those who have it

Learn to trust God more than myself

Going Deeper...

For discussion or personal study

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Questions

1. Who is the wisest person I've ever known? Why did I think they were wise? What made them that way?
2. If God would grant me anything I wanted, what would I ask for? Why did Solomon ask for wisdom?
3. How does wisdom make life better?
4. Why do we sometimes turn to other things for direction and protection before turning to God's wisdom?
5. How is the fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom? What does that mean?
6. What is the most difficult part in acquiring wisdom? How difficult is it to admit that my own wisdom might be limited?

Scripture

Read Proverbs 1:20-21ff (and following) and Proverbs 2:16-19

1. Contrast the two women mentioned. Why does Solomon make this comparison?
2. Why would someone reject the woman shouting in the streets and instead hide in the other woman's house?
3. What does this reveal about choosing wisdom today?

Application

- How could more wisdom benefit me?
- How am I going to acquire more of God's wisdom