

THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM, FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH, WHEN LIFE GETS HARD

O.T. Study - Choosing God's Way - *Wise Up!* - September 2, 2018

Text: 1 Kings 2 - 3

Intro: What did you wish for as a child, a young adult, and now in your "Golden Years"? How do you explain the differences in things we wanted?

God blessed Solomon because he choose to ask for wisdom above riches. We should also do the same today. We must choose to seek out and live by the wisdom of God's word. How would you define wisdom?

I. (1 Kings 2:1-9) Encouraging Those Younger To Live According To God's Way!

1. We open with David's instructions to Solomon as he prepares to hand his kingdom over to his son.

What advice does David give Solomon in the following verses?

2:2

* What are some things that faced Solomon in the first part of his reign that made David's advice in v.2 seem so important/necessary? (see 1 Kings 2:5-7, 13-46)

2:3

2:4

2. Looking at David's advice today, we can summarize David's charge in 2 parts:

2:1-4 Put the Lord F_____!

2:5-9 Protect the K_____!

Why is this is good advice for us today?

II. (1 Kings 3:1-28) Choosing Godly Wisdom!

1. How would you describe Solomon's reign? How was Solomon different than David as a king?

2. In chapter 3, we see Solomon in some great roles in life that we would be wise to copy today.

What roles do you see Solomon playing in the following verses?

3:1a - As a P _____ maker!

3:1b - The B _____!

3:2-15 - As a W _____ e! By: (3:4) C _____ (setting apart)

(3:5) R _____!

(3:6-9) P _____!

(3:10-13) P _____ ing God!

(3:14) O _____! (duty or commitment)

(3:15) Making O _____!

(3:16-28) D _____ ment!

III. (1 Kings 3:10-15) God Blesses Those Who Seek Wisdom!

1. What are the following passages saying to us today about wisdom?

Matt.11:25-30

Ro. 1:22-23

1 Cor.1:17-18

1 Cor.3:18-20

James 3:13-15