

Solomon: Extreme Wisdom

Old Testament Challenge - Week of August 15

Bible Text:

1 Kings 3; Proverbs

Theme:

The purpose of the book of Proverbs is to help us identify what is wise and what is foolish. How do we live wisely? It is one thing to have information, it is entirely another thing to have wisdom. Wisdom helps us apply knowledge in a Godly way.

Daily Readings:

- Monday – 1 Kings 3:7-28
- Tuesday – Proverbs 1
- Wednesday – Proverbs 2
- Thursday – Proverbs 3
- Friday – Proverbs 4
- Saturday – Proverbs 7
- Sunday – Proverbs 10

Bible Memory Verse:

This week, pick one Proverb that speaks to your character and memorize it. Write the reference here:

Personal Reflection:

1. Having read Proverbs 1-3, write a description of wisdom. How does this biblical understanding of wisdom differ from our modern standard of what makes someone “intelligent”?

2. If you really come to embrace and embody the proverb you chose to memorize for this week, how would your life change for the better? How would your treatment of others change? How would your relationship with God change?

Discussion Questions:

1. Talk about a time you did something really foolish that you wish you could delete and have a second chance to do differently.

2. What do we learn about Solomon's view of God in 1 Kings 3:7-8? What words would you use to describe the God revealed here? How does this view of God differ from the way God is portrayed in our contemporary culture?

Action Challenge:

Share with one other person a proverb that you believe God is using to bring change to your life. Ask that person to help hold you accountable to this vision in the coming weeks.