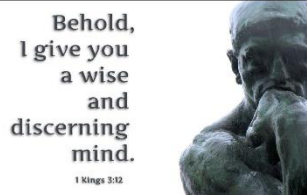


MORE THAN THE MESSAGE

(FOR PERSONAL, GROUP OR FAMILY STUDY)



“Wisdom for the New Year” (1-2/3-2021)

(1 Kings 3:4-13)

1. How do you make decisions: looking only at the “facts” or using your “gut instincts”?
2. Read 1 Kings 3:4-13 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What one thing sticks out to you from this passage? Why?
 - b. What is significant about Solomon calling himself “a little child” (v.7)?
 - c. Why would God give Solomon “what you have not asked”? (Cf. Matthew 6:33)
 - d. What is “ironic” about verse 13? Verse 14?
3. Solomon demonstrated great wisdom. Yet, even he acted “foolishly”. Read the following passages. How does this play out?
 - a. 1 Kings 3:16-28
 - b. 1 Kings 11:1-8
4. Solomon was indeed a great and wise king, “so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.” Yet, the following passages speak a different message. Read the following passages. What light do these passages shed on God’s claim above?
 - a. Luke 2:40-52
 - b. Luke 12:27-28
 - c. Luke 11:31
5. Human wisdom, as wonderful as it can be, pales in comparison to Godly wisdom. In fact, human wisdom can often be in opposition to God’s wisdom. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. What is the “Godly wisdom” that God gives here? How could this affect our human wisdom, when we “discern between good and evil”?