

GOD AND ORDINARY PEOPLE, LIKE US

“Solomon and US... Giving
God Our VERY BEST!”



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¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. ¹¹ So God replied, “Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— ¹² I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! ¹³ And I will also give you what you did not ask for— riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! ¹⁴ And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.” 1 Kings 3:10–14 (NLT)

Questions:

What’s God’s #1 gift to us? **The gift of salvation!**

- Am I giving God my very best? **YES / NO**

If YES, how am I living that out on a daily basis?

If NO, what’s my reason for not giving God my best:

...**busyness, work, other commitment, health?**

» There is **nothing** we can say that **can and will justify** our reason for not giving God our best!

Things We Can Learn From Solomon!

²⁸ When all Israel heard the king’s decision, the people were in awe of the king, for they saw the wisdom God had given him for rendering justice. 1 Kings 3:28 (NLT)

• Solomon was wise and **his people** and other **nations recognized it!**

²⁹ God gave Solomon very great wisdom and understanding, and knowledge as vast as the sands of the seashore. ³⁰ In fact, his wisdom exceeded that of all the wise men of the East and the wise men of Egypt. ³¹ He was wiser than anyone else, including Ethan the Ezrahite and the sons of Mahol—Heman, Calcol, and Darda. His fame spread throughout all the surrounding nations. ³² He composed some 3,000 proverbs and wrote 1,005 songs. ³³ He could speak with authority about all kinds of plants, from the great cedar of Lebanon to the tiny hyssop that grows from cracks in a wall. He could also speak about animals, birds, small creatures, and fish. ³⁴ And kings from every nation sent their ambassadors to listen to the wisdom of Solomon. 1 Kings 4:29–34 (NLT)

- Solomon had both **good and not so good qualities**, even with God’s **calling, blessing, anointing** and having **set him apart!**
- God has called and given us a task to carryout: **stay focused**, do your **job and finish well!**

9 So Solomon finished building the Temple of the LORD, as well as the royal palace. He completed everything he had planned to do. ² Then the LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had done before at Gibeon. ³ The LORD said to him, “I have heard your prayer and your petition. I have set this Temple apart to be holy—this place you have built where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart. ⁴ “As for you, if you will follow me with integrity and godliness, as David your father did, obeying all my commands, decrees, and regulations, ⁵ then I will establish the throne of your dynasty over Israel forever. For I made this promise to your father, David: ‘One of your descendants will always sit on the throne of Israel.’ 1Kings 9:1–5 (NLT)

Question:

Looking at your life as a Christ-follower and comparing it to Solomon...

- What would your neighbor say about you?
- What would God say you need to do?
- If our neighbors and other people inquire about us, based on what they heard, will their findings **validate or change** their **thinking, belief** and/or **thoughts** about us?

...⁶ She exclaimed to the king, “**Everything I heard in my country about your achievements and wisdom is true!** ⁷ **I didn’t believe what was said until I arrived here and saw it with my own eyes. In fact, I had not heard the half of it!** Your wisdom and prosperity are far beyond what I was told. ⁸ How happy your people must be! What a privilege for your officials to stand here day after day, listening to your wisdom! ⁹ Praise the LORD your God, who delights in you and has placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king so you can rule with justice and righteousness.” 1 Kings 10: 1–9 (NLT)

» Are you **aware or finding** that your heart is **slightly turning away from God** in the things you are saying and doing?

Action step: Make a **U-Turn NOW!**

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