

Prayers That Changed People — 1 Kings 3:1-15

1. If God appeared to you and said, “Ask me for anything,” what do you think your first instinct would be? What does our answer reveal about what we value?
2. Solomon could have asked for wealth, long life, or victory over his enemies, but he asked for wisdom. Why do you think wisdom was more valuable to him than those things?
(1 Kings 3:5–9)
3. In the sermon, Tyler defines wisdom as “knowing what is right, understanding why it is right, and having the discernment to put it into practice.” How is that different from simply being intelligent or knowledgeable?
4. It was said, “More often than not, we need wisdom more than we need answers.” What is the difference between asking God, “What is going to happen?” and asking, “How should I respond to what is going to happen?” Can you think of a situation where that distinction would matter?
5. James 1:5 tells us to ask God for wisdom. Why do you think Christians sometimes hesitate to actually pray for wisdom?
6. It was said, “You will never ask God for wisdom if you are convinced you already have all the answers.” What role does humility play in becoming a wise person? What makes humility difficult?
7. Solomon's decisions affected an entire nation. Who are the people in your life whose lives are affected by your decisions? How should that influence the way you pray?
8. James 3:17 describes heavenly wisdom as pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, merciful, fruitful, impartial, and sincere. Which of those characteristics do you think is easiest for Christians to overlook when they talk about being “wise”? Why?
9. The sermon said, “Receiving wisdom isn't enough—we have to follow it.” What are some ways we can know what God wants us to do but still choose not to follow that wisdom?
10. At the end of the sermon, we contrast David's prayer, “God, change my heart,” with Solomon's, “God, give me wisdom.” Which of those prayers do you think Christians need to pray more often, and what might it look like to actually pray that prayer this week?