

## The Path of Godly Wisdom

1 Kings 3:1-28

### Following the Path of Worldly Wisdom

vs. 1-2

Solomon takes an Egyptian bride, revealing his elevated social and political status but violating God's command to not intermarry with foreign women.

He was politically motivated to secure a peace treaty with Egypt through his marriage to the Pharaoh's daughter.

Before the building of the Temple, the Israelites offered sacrifices to the Lord on surrounding hilltops following the pagan traditions.

***Recognize and resist the path of \_\_\_\_\_ whenever it conflicts with God's wisdom and truth.***

### Seeking the Path to Godly Wisdom

vs. 3-15

Solomon expresses his devotion and personal allegiance to the Lord as he offers 1000 sacrifices at Gibeon.

Appearing in a dream, God responds to Solomon's dedication by testing his heart to reveal his true motives.

Solomon acknowledges his lack of leadership experience and the enormity of his role as king of Israel.

He shows his humble spirit, his concern for God's people, and his desire to give God glory with his request for God-given wisdom.

God displays His pleasure with Solomon's answer by granting his request for a wise and discerning heart and blessing him with incomparable wealth, fame, honor, and a long life.

To secure these blessings Solomon must follow David's example of obeying God's commands and statutes.

***Earnestly seek the path of godly wisdom through humble \_\_\_\_\_ and committed to God.***

### Walking the Path of Godly Wisdom

vs. 16-28

Solomon's wisdom is tested by the pressure of deciding the fate of a baby.

His God-given insight is evident as he tests the maternal instincts of the women claiming to be the mothers.

The callous response of one woman confirms Solomon's insight even without collaborating evidence.

Israel viewed Solomon's verdict with awe and recognized his wisdom could only come from God.

***Step into challenging situations, speaking God's truth with wisdom, and allowing God to be \_\_\_\_\_.***

Key: worldly wisdom, devotion, obedience, glorified.

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**1 KINGS 11:1-2a** Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the people of Israel, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods."

**PROVERBS 3:6-7** In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

**1 KINGS 2:2-3** "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn..."

**MATTHEW 6:33** "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

**EPHESIANS 3:20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. NIV

**PROVERBS 22:4** The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

**PROVERBS 11:2** When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

**1 JOHN 3:18** Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

**EPHESIANS 4:15** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...