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1 Kings 3:10-12 (NIV)

What Do You Want?

What do you want? You're asking me that question? **Didn't it sound like I asked you that question?** Yes, it did. **You seem surprised.** I am surprised. **Why is that? Don't you know that I want you to ask me for what you want and need?** I guess I do know that. **Are you sure?** Why are you asking me if I'm sure? **You don't ask for much from me. It seems like you have to be desperate before you will turn to ask me for what you want and need. If you really believed that I would hear and answer your prayers wouldn't you ask me for more of what you want and need?** I guess so. **Is that really a guess?** No, I can see that I have been making a big mistake. **What's that?** I have not been asking you for all that I want and need.

When would you like to start asking me for what you want and need? How about right now? **Right now is a very good time to begin asking me for what you want and need. Go ahead, I'm listening.** What should I ask for? What is an appropriate request? I'm not sure. **Ask me for what you want and need. Don't hesitate. Just ask me. You're thinking too hard about this. Tell me what you want and need.**

Here goes. This is what I want and need. I want to know you. I want to live in a close and intimate relationship with you. I want to hear your voice speaking to me. I want to be able to know your will and walk in your ways. I want to live my life fully and passionately for you. I want to love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I want you to use me to bear an abundance of fruit for your kingdom. I want to fully discover, develop and use all the gifts that you have given to me. I don't want anything left undone of what you have given me to do for you. I want to bring glory to your name. I want everyone to know that it is you who has been working in and through my life. I want to shine brightly as your witness in the world. One day I want to be able to hear say, "Well, done good and faithful servant." Only you can make me faithful. Only you can make me fruitful. Apart from you I can do nothing. I need and want all your help. **I will certainly hear and answer these prayers of yours.**

Lord, without your wisdom I cannot know and do your will. Without your wisdom I will not be able to do all you have asked me to do for you. Give me your wisdom so I can know and love and follow and serve you now and forever. Amen

Old Testament Events *Solomon Asks For Wisdom*

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

NIV 1 Kings 3:10-12

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The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. 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—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!

NLT 1 Kings 3:10-12

Old Testament Events *Solomon Asks For Wisdom*

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

NRSV 1 Kings 3:10-12

Old Testament Events *Solomon Asks For Wisdom*

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for long life or for riches, nor for the lives of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to recognize what is just and right, Behold, I have done as you asked. I have given you a wise, discerning mind, so that no one before you was your equal, nor shall any arise after you equal to you.

AMP 1 Kings 3:10-12

Old Testament Events *Solomon Asks For Wisdom*

It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing. God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice, behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

NASB 1 Kings 3:10-12

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It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

ESV 1 Kings 3:10-12

Old Testament Events *Solomon Asks For Wisdom*

The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

NKJV 1 Kings 3:10-12

Old Testament Events *Solomon Asks For Wisdom*

God, the Master, was delighted with Solomon's response. And God said to him, "Because you have asked for this and haven't grasped after a long life, or riches, or the doom of your enemies, but you have asked for the ability to lead and govern well, I'll give you what you've asked for—I'm giving you a wise and mature heart. There's never been one like you before; and there'll be no one after.

MSG 1 Kings 3:10-12

Old Testament Events *Solomon Asks For Wisdom*

The Lord was pleased with his reply and was glad that Solomon had asked for wisdom. So he replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people and haven't asked for a long life, or riches for yourself, or the defeat of your enemies—yes, I'll give you what you asked for! I will give you a wiser mind than anyone else has ever had or ever will have!

TLB 1 Kings 3:10-12

Old Testament Events *Solomon Asks For Wisdom*

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked this. So God said to him, "You did not ask for a long life, or riches for yourself, or the death of your enemies. Since you asked for wisdom to make the right decisions, I will do what you asked. I will give you wisdom and understanding that is greater than anyone has had in the past or will have in the future.

NCV 1 Kings 3:10-12

Solomon Asks For Wisdom

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Old Testament Events – 1 Kings 3:10-12

In Context: *Read 1 Kings 3*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, without your wisdom I cannot know and do your will. Without your wisdom I will not be able to do all you have asked me to do for you. Give me your wisdom so I can know and love and follow and serve you now and forever. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

- What would you ask for if you knew that the Lord would hear and answer your prayer?
- When have you sensed that God was asking you what you wanted from Him?
- When have you prayed a bold prayer asking for something you needed from the Lord?
- When have you felt really inadequate and hopelessly lacking wisdom to make right decisions?

- What prayer for wisdom would you like to make to the Lord right now?**
- How has the Lord developed patience in you to wait and listen for His wisdom?**
- When has the Lord given you the wisdom that you needed in a difficult situation?**

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Ask the Lord to give you wisdom so you will be able to know and do His will.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will give you the wisdom you need to know and do His will.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has given you wisdom to know and do His will.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you ask for and rely on God's wisdom so you will know and do His will.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will ask for and rely on your wisdom so I can know and do your will.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I rely on your wisdom as I love, follow and serve you?
