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My Help

What do you want from me? What would you like to ask of me? What do you think you need? How can I help you? I am so glad that you are asking me these questions. **Why is that?** The task that you have given me to do for you is overwhelming. I will start by saying that I am so glad that you have called me into your service. I couldn't be more pleased to be given something significant to do for you. It is the desire of my heart to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I will give you every ounce of my effort to do all that you are asking of me. I am completely at your disposal. I also know that I can't possibly do what you are asking of me without your help. If I tried to serve you with my own efforts alone, I would fail miserably. **Yes, you would. I am very pleased that you know that you cannot serve me with only your own efforts. You know that you desperately need my help. Why do you think I have given you such a large assignment?** You have given me such a large assignment so that I will know for sure that I must rely on you for your help. You want me to pray for your help every step of the way as I serve you. **Yes, I do. That's right. Can you think of any other reason why I might have given you such a large assignment?** I have told you that I want to bear an abundance of fruit for your kingdom. Bearing an abundance of fruit requires a large assignment. A small assignment would bear a small amount of fruit. Your giving me a large assignment is an answer to my prayers. **Yes, it is. Can you think of any other reasons why I might have given you such a large assignment?** You want me to know for sure that you are working in and through my life. You want me to know that you are using me to bring glory to your name. **That is also correct. Can you think of one more reason why you have been given a large assignment that is beyond your abilities?** You want everyone to know that it is you who has been working in and through my life. You want me to be a bold and bright witness for you in this world. Only you can help me to do what I cannot do. **That's right.** Others will be drawn to you as they see that you are working in and through my life. You will receive all the glory as you work in and through me. **Yes, I will. Will you rely on me completely as I work in and through your life? Will you continually ask for my help?** Yes, Lord, I will.

Lord, thank you for rescuing me from my old way of life. You have given me a new heart and mind. It is now my joy to love and follow and serve you. I ask for your wisdom and power and all that I will need to faithfully and fruitfully serve you. Amen

Prayer*A Discerning Heart*

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NIV 1 Kings 3:7-9

Prayer*An Understanding Heart*

"Now, O LORD my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around. And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?"

NLT 1 Kings 3:7-9

Prayer*An Understanding Mind*

And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

NRSV 1 Kings 3:7-9

Prayer *An Understanding Mind And A Hearing Heart*

Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of David my father, and I am but a lad [in wisdom and experience]; I know not how to go out (begin) or come in (finish). Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people who cannot be counted for multitude. So give Your servant an understanding mind and a hearing heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and bad. For who is able to judge and rule this Your great people?

AMP 1 Kings 3:7-9

Prayer*An Understanding Heart*

"Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. "Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted. "So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

NASB 1 Kings 3:7-9

Prayer*An Understanding Mind*

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ESV 1 Kings 3:7-9

Prayer*An Understanding Heart*

Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

NKJV 1 Kings 3:7-9

Prayer*A God Listening Heart*

"And now here I am: GOD, my God, you have made me, your servant, ruler of the kingdom in place of David my father. I'm too young for this, a mere child! I don't know the ropes, hardly know the 'ins' and 'outs' of this job. And here I am, set down in the middle of the people you've chosen, a great people—far too many to ever count. "Here's what I want: Give me a God-listening heart so I can lead your people well, discerning the difference between good and evil. For who on their own is capable of leading your glorious people?"

MSG 1 Kings 3:7-9

Prayer*An Understanding Mind*

O Lord my God, now you have made me the king instead of my father David, but I am as a little child who doesn't know his way around. And here I am among your own chosen people, a nation so great that there are almost too many people to count! Give me an understanding mind so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between what is right and what is wrong. For who by himself is able to carry such a heavy responsibility?"

TLB 1 Kings 3:7-9

Prayer*An Obedient Heart*

LORD my God, now you have made me, your servant, king in my father's place. But I am like a little child; I don't know how to do what must be done. I, your servant, am here among your chosen people, and there are too many of them to count. I ask that you give me an obedient heart so I can rule the people in the right way and will know the difference between right and wrong. Otherwise, it is impossible to rule this great people of yours."

NCV 1 Kings 3:7-9

A Discerning Heart

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Prayer – 1 Kings 3:7-9

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?)***

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

What has the Lord done for you and how would like to give thanks to Him?

What challenging ministry has the Lord given to you to do for Him?

When have you felt inadequate to do the task that the Lord has given to you to do for Him?

How balanced are your prayers between ones for yourself and ones for others?

Why is it a good practice to be willing to admit to the Lord that you need his help?

When have you asked the Lord to give you the help you need to serve Him?

How has the Lord given you His wisdom and power to do the ministry He has given you to do?

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

Thank the Lord for all that He has done for you and ask for His wisdom and power to serve Him.

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

Have faith that God will give you all that you need to do the ministry that He has called you to do for Him.

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 and power to serve Him.

Close With Prayer:

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

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 the Lord for all the wisdom that you will need to serve Him.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I am asking you for all the wisdom that I will need to serve you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what wisdom do I need to serve you today?
