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## Request

I know that you delight to hear my prayers. I know that I can bring any and all my prayer requests to you. I know that there is no prayer that is too small or too large to for you to hear and answer. I know that you want me to live my life in a constant and ongoing dialogue of prayer with you. I know that, you want to me to know you intimately and follow you passionately. **Yes, I want all of these things for you.** That's good and for that I am very thankful.

I am thinking a related but different thought. **I'm listening.** You asked Solomon what he wanted from you. **Yes, I did.** If you were to ask me what I wanted from you, I have an answer. If you were to give me the answer to one very large request, I know what I would ask of you. **I like where you are headed in or conversation.** So, you want me to make my request? **Yes, absolutely. Make your request. I am listening to your every word.** Well, my words will not be eloquent. My request won't be complicated. But here goes. I want to know you. **That's it?** Yes, that's it. Now, I should clarify my request. **Yes, say more.** I don't want to know you a little bit. I want to know you intimately and follow you passionately. **You already know that I want that for you.** Yes, I do. I am affirming that I want what you want. **That is very good. We are in agreement.** Without a doubt. **Do you believe that I will hear and answer this prayer of yours?** Yes, I do, with all my heart. **You are correct. This is a prayer that I will hear and answer.** Thank you, Heavenly Father.

**There is much more that you know that you are not saying.** That is true. **Tell me what is on your heart and in your mind.** If I come to know you, I will also come to love you. If I come to love you, then I will also follow and serve you. If I follow and serve you, I will also bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. All of this adds up to me living a life that is wise and good and right and true and pleasing to you. I will be able to know and do your will. **Yes, it does. Yes, you will.** So, I have no greater request or no more passionate desire than to come to know you. That is my prayer. That is my request. **You have made a very good and wise prayer request to me.**

*Heavenly Father, I know for certain that wisdom does not come naturally to me. Left to my own thoughts, I will make dumb decisions and foolish mistakes. It will be my continual, ongoing prayer to ask you for wisdom so I will be able to know and do your will. Amen*

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked For This*

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

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked For*

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

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked This*

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

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked This*

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

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked This*

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

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked This*

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

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked This*

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

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked For This*

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

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked For*

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

## Becoming Like Christ

*Asked This*

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

# Asked For This

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – 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?)***

Heavenly Father, I know for certain that wisdom does not come naturally to me. Left to my own thoughts, I will make dumb decisions and foolish mistakes. It will be my continual, ongoing prayer to ask you for wisdom so I will be able to know and do your will. Amen

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

What would you ask God for if you knew for certain He would hear and answer your prayer?

**When have you asked God for wisdom so you could know and do His will?**

When have you made dumb decisions and foolish mistakes because you relied on your own wisdom?

**How are you making it your continual and ongoing daily prayer to ask God for wisdom?**

Why can you be absolutely certain that God will hear and answer your prayers for wisdom?

**When have you delayed a decision until you were confident you had wisdom from God?**

Why will it always be a mistake to rely on your own wisdom rather than on God's wisdom?

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

Make it your continual and ongoing daily prayer to ask God for wisdom so you can know and do His will.

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

Have faith that God will give you wisdom so you can 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 God 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... \_\_\_\_\_

**Asked For This**

**1 Kings 3**

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you ask your Heavenly Father for wisdom so you can know and do His will.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Heavenly Father, I will ask you for wisdom to know and do your will.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Heavenly Father, what wisdom will you give me today, so I can know and do your will?*

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