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*1 Kings 3:10-12 (NIV)*

## **Act Justly**

**What do you want from me? What do you want to ask of me?** I want your wisdom. I want your discernment. I want to be able to know and do your will. I want to go wherever you guide me. I want to do whatever you ask of me. I don't want to be distracted. I don't want to be diverted. I want to be powerfully used by you. I need your help. **Those are all very good desires. How do you suppose that I will use you?** Well, I know how you have made me. I would guess that you will use me how you have made me. **That is an interesting thought. How have I made you?** You have made with the desire to think and speak and act justly. You have placed a burning passion in me to bring justice into unjust situations. I will tell you one thing. **What's that?** Nothing gets me hotter and makes me angrier than seeing injustice in the world around me. That is in my make-up. That is how you created me. Righting wrongs is what motivates me. **Do you think I created you to be angry?** No, not at all. The anger within me causes me to act. The anger within me does not cause me to be angry. Does that make sense? **Yes, it makes sense. So, the anger in you, at injustice in the world, will not be noticed as unrighteous anger. The anger in you, at injustice in the world, will be noticed as righteous action. You will do something about injustices you see in the world.** That is correct. But there is a problem. **What's the problem?** I need your wisdom so I will know how to act justly. I need the righteous anger that is in me to be under your control. I need the righteous anger, that is in me, to be under your direction. I need the righteous anger, that is in me, to bring about your justice in an unjust world. I need the righteous anger, that is in me, to be an expression of your love that brings your hope and healing and reconciliation into the world. That is my prayer. That is my hope. That is my desire. This is how you have made me. This is what I am asking of you. **I will hear and answer your prayer. I will help you to act justly in an unjust world.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, I need your wisdom and discernment. I need your help. How can you use me to bring about justice in an unjust world? Help me to think and speak and act wisely. Give me a wise and discerning heart. Use me for your purposes to accomplish your plans. Amen*

**Promises** *Wise And Discerning Heart*

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

**Promises** *Wise And Understanding Heart*

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

**Promises** *Wise And Discerning Mind*

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

**Promises** *Wise, Discerning Mind*

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

**Promises** *Wise And Discerning Heart*

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

**Promises** *Wise And Discerning Mind*

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

**Promises** *Wise And Understanding Heart*

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

**Promises** *Wise And Mature Heart*

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

**Promises** *Wiser Mind*

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

**Promises** *Wisdom And Understanding*

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

# Wise And Discerning Heart

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

**Promises** – 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, I need your wisdom and discernment. I need your help. How can you use me to bring about justice in an unjust world? Help me to think and speak and act wisely. Give me a wise and discerning heart. Use me for your purposes to accomplish your plans. Amen

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

When have you become convinced that you do not have all the wisdom you need?  
When have you been in a desperate situation that caused you to ask the Lord for His wisdom?

**Why can you be sure that the Lord will give you wisdom when you ask Him for it?**

How has receiving wisdom from the Lord guided your thoughts, words and actions?

**How has the Lord given you wisdom to bring about justice in an unjust situation?**

When have you asked the Lord to give you wisdom to discern to administer justice?

**Why must you never ignore injustice by thinking that correcting it is none of your business?**

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

Allow the Lord to use you to bring about justice in an unjust world.

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

Have faith that the Lord will use you to bring about justice in an unjust world.

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**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 used you to bring about justice in an unjust world.

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**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?**

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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 allow the Lord to give you a wise and discerning heart so you can serve Him well.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, give me a wise and discerning heart so I can serve you well.*

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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?)*

*Lord, how will you give me a wise and discerning heart to serve you well today?*

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