

# What a Leader Needs Most

1 Kings 3:1-15 / 2 Chronicles 1:1-13

## Additional Notes

### A few introductory questions...

Are the people that the Lord uses as leaders “perfect” people? What does Scripture teach, and what does your experience reveal to you?

If that is true, then what kind of people do leaders need to be?

How would you describe Solomon? What kind of person does he appear to have been based upon these two passages?

### These two passages address two key things...

- ✓ The importance of our \_\_\_\_\_ – our \_\_\_\_\_ of God (what we ask for)
  - ✓ The critical need of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for leaders
1. Solomon enjoyed God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Chronicles 1:1 cp. 1 Kings 1; 1 Chronicles 29; 2 Chronicles 6 – He had been “\_\_\_\_\_” king in the place of his father, David)
  2. Solomon’s \_\_\_\_\_: (2 Chronicles 1:2-6; 1 Kings 3:3-4)
    - ✓ At the “\_\_\_\_\_” in the chief “high place” at \_\_\_\_\_ where the “bronze altar” that had been constructed by Bezalel was located (Exodus 31:1-11; 35:30 – 37:1ff)
    - ✓ “Then Solomon spoke to [better “\_\_\_\_\_”] all Israel...” (Solomon exhibited “leadership”)
    - ✓ Solomon’s (and the people’s) worship provided a \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s offer and blessing to Solomon... (it always does – doesn’t it?!)
  3. Solomon’s \_\_\_\_\_ with God – “The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ to Solomon (during the night in a dream)” (1 Kings 3:5a; 2 Chronicles 1:7a)

**4. A God-given offer and opportunity** – “ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ you want me to give you!”

- ✓ Could this have been a “test” (much like Abraham’s) – to see what Solomon would choose? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Is this kind of offer anything like what God offers us (or is it completely unique? (cp. Matthew 7:7-11; John 15:7; 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24; Psalm 37:4)? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ What we “ask for” can be telling, can’t it... What are some of the “unworthy” things we might ask for? (cp. James 1:5-8)

**5. Solomon’s request – What a leader needs most!**

(1 Kings 3:6-9; 2 Chronicles 1:8-10)

- ✓ How would you describe Solomon’s attitude in these verses? He was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!
- ✓ Do you think Solomon’s attitude, expressed in these verses, inclined God to answer Solomon as he did? (cp. Proverbs 11:2; Matthew 23:11-12; Luke 14:7-11; 1 Peter 5:5-6; James 4:6, 10) God’s grace is given to the \_\_\_\_\_!
- ✓ What did King David have at the end of his reign, that Solomon lacked? \_\_\_\_\_! (1 Kings 3:7-9; 2 Chronicles 1:8-10)
- ✓ Bottom line... What did Solomon ask for? \_\_\_\_\_!

“The quality, provided by God, and flowing from reverence for Him, that results in a God-honoring lifestyle, wholesome values, a deep sense of purpose, a thirst for knowledge, right decisions, and effective strategies. Wisdom impacts and influences all aspects of life... The physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, material, social, public, and private dimensions of life.” (– my definition)

Wisdom needed! More than... (Name some things)

**God’s** \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 3:10-15; 2 Chronicles 1:11-13 cp. Ephesians 3:20)

**So here are some key questions for us...** What do we really need? What do we desire? What will we ask God for?