TODAY'S MESSAGE

GRANT ME A DISCERNING HEART

1 KINGS 3:5-15

"Whatever you want Solomon!" - God

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" 1 Kings 3:5-9

A discerning heart....

Has a Listening ear for the Lord,
Has a desire to gain Godly knowledge,
Has a desire to grow in Godly understanding.

"I try to gather all the information and all the facts that are involved in a decision, and then weigh them up and pray them over in the Lord's presence, and trust the Holy Spirit to sway my mind in the direction of God's will. And God generally guides by presenting reasons to my mind for acting a certain way."

- J. Oswald Sanders

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The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you... Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

Proverbs 4:7-10

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Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

James 3:13-17

A discerning heart....

Has a Listening ear for the Lord,
Has a desire to gain Godly knowledge,
Has a desire to grow in Godly understanding.
Must rely on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide.

Has or Is Godly discernment a desire of mine?

Do I ask the Lord daily to grant me a discerning heart?

Do I spend enough time in God's Word and Prayer?

Do I listen, gain knowledge, grow in understanding, and rely on the Holy Spirit?