

"Starting On The Road To Wisdom" 1 Kings 3:1-14.

Big Idea: Wisdom starts with **humility**

1. Reject Your Wisdom: 1 Kings 3:1-4

A. You Can Be **Brilliant but Also a Fool:**

1 Corinthians 3:18-19 "Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become 'fools' so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: 'He catches the wise in their craftiness.'"

B. You Can **Love the Lord and Still Be Foolish:**

Deuteronomy 12:2-3 "Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains, on the hills and under every spreading tree, where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places."

Charles Stanley "Spiritual immaturity is not just a lack of knowledge, but a failure to apply the truths we know to our lives. It's an unwillingness to grow and be transformed by the renewing of our minds."

2. Ask For **Guidance: 1 Kings 3:5-9**

A. God is Always **Reaching Out to His Chosen Ones:**

Ray Stedman "God's proactive grace in Solomon's life is a reminder that He often initiates the relationship, inviting us to seek His wisdom"

B. **Humility is the First Step Down the Road of Wisdom:**

James 1:5-8 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do."

3. Don't Leave The **Trail: 1 Kings 3:10-14**

A. God Gives Us **More Than We Could Ask When We Walk His Path:**

Ephesians 3:20-21 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

B. The Only Catch to Attaining God's Wisdom is to **Stay on His Path:**

A.W. Tozer "The wisdom of God is not like any other wisdom. It is the wisdom that can steer a life safely through the hardest experiences and keep it steady in the most tumultuous seas" (Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy).