

# Following God's Leading (In Faith not Fear)

Proverbs 3:5-6

Part 5 in series "Faith Over Fear"

Proverbs 3.5 **TRUST** in the Lord with **all** your **heart** and **LEAN NOT** on your **own understanding**; 6 in **all** your ways (acknowledge) **SUBMIT to him**, and He will make your **paths straight**.

1 Kings 3.5 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." 9 (Solomon said) 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?" 10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 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, 12 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. 13 Moreover, **I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor**—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.

1 Kings 11.1 King Solomon, however, **loved many foreign women** besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. 2 They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, "**You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.**" Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. 3 He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. 4 As Solomon grew old, his **wives turned his heart after other gods**, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

1 Kings 11.5 He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. 6 So **Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord; he did not follow the Lord completely**, as David his father had done.

7 On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. 8 He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods. 9 The **Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord**, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. 10 Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command. 11 So the Lord said to Solomon, "**Since this is your attitude** and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly **tear the kingdom away from you** and give it to one of your subordinates.

Proverbs 14.12 There is a **way** that **appears** to be **right**, but in the **end** it **leads** to **death**.

Proverbs 3.7 Do **not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord** and shun evil. 8 This will **bring health** to your **body** and nourishment to your bones. 9 **Honor the Lord** with your **wealth**, with the **firstfruits** of all your crops; 10 then your **barns** will be **filled** to **overflowing**, and your vats will brim over with new wine.