



**CHOOSING WISDOM**

**1 KINGS 3:5-15**

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# THE OFFER OF GOD

- It is made on the heels of a lavish sacrifice from Solomon (1 Kgs. 3:4; Lk. 18:1-8).
- Consider this question put to Solomon (Matt. 21:21-22; 25:25-26).
- There is a general qualification throughout scripture (Mk. 10:35-36; Psa. 37:4; Jn. 15:7; Jas. 4:2-3).





# THE REQUEST OF SOLOMON

- There must be some level of wisdom already present (Prov. 1:7; 22:15).
- There is humility in this request (1 Cor. 8:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:2; Phil. 3:12; cf. Matt. 25:25-26).
- There is recognition of responsibility here (Jas. 4:3; cf. Heb. 13:17).
- There is boldness (Jas. 1:5-6).





# THE RESPONSE OF GOD

- God grants much more than Solomon asked for *because* he did not ask for it (Eph. 3:20).
- The man who pursues wisdom and finds wealth is far better off than the man who pursues wealth but lacks wisdom (1 Tim. 6:6; Phil. 4:11-12).
- Let us not only seek the wisdom to deal with practical concerns of life, but to know God.

