

1 Kings 3:6-13

## THE BEAUTY OF WISDOM

- **WISDOM: NAVIGATING THE REALITIES OF LIFE WHEN THE RULES DON'T HELP.**  
TIM KELLER
- **“WISDOM IS DISCERNMENT ON HOW TO HONOR GOD IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY DEALT WITH IN THE BIBLE.”** JOHN PIPER

*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.* James 1:5

## GAINING GOD'S WISDOM

- **GOD'S LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION OF WISDOM.**

*Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you.*

- **HUMILITY IS THE PRE-REQUISITE FOR WISDOM.**

*And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.  
And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen... too many to be numbered or counted... 1 Kings 3:7-8*

- **THE REWARD IN WISDOM IS A TENDER HEART.**

*Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?*

1 Kings 3:9

- **THE PURPOSE FOR WISDOM IS WORSHIP AND JOY.**

*It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right. 1 Kings 3:10-11*

*I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. 1 Kings 3:12-13*