

SUVA SCHOOL WORKING GROUP BIBLE STUDY

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WISDOM:

Wisdom is defined as the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise. There are powerful examples of bible heroes whose life was a testimony of Wisdom. In 2 Chronicles 1: 7-11, we have this powerful encounter between the man that becomes the wisest man on earth and the Almighty.

⁷ That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁸ Solomon answered God, "You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. ⁹ Now, LORD God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. ¹⁰ Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹¹ God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, possessions or honour, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, ¹² therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, possessions and honour, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have."

1. Describe what Wisdom means to you?

2. Why was God pleased with King Solomon's request?

❖ [James 1:5](#)

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

❖ [James 3:17](#)

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.

❖ [Proverbs 1:7](#)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

❖ [Proverbs 4:6-7](#)

Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

3. Why is it important for you to be wise?

How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding. For its profit is better than the profit of silver, and its gain than fine gold. She is more precious than jewels; and nothing you desire compares with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who hold her fast. (NAS, Proverbs 3:13-18)

The God we serve is a God of wisdom and it delights in Him to bless us with Wisdom.

- 13 “With Him are wisdom and might; To Him belong counsel and understanding” ([Job 12:13](#)).
- 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable ([Isaiah 40:28](#)).
- 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! ([Romans 11:33](#); see also [Job 9:1-4](#); [36:5](#); [Isaiah 31:1-2](#)).

4. How will being wise affect your Ministry as a Christian?

Wisdom attracts growth

❖ [Psalm 37:30](#)

The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.

Wisdom attracts blessings

❖ [Proverbs 3:13](#)

Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding,

Wisdom is a manifestation of God’s delight in a person

❖ [Ecclesiastes 2:26](#)

To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Being wise allows us to see God for Who He really is? It will break you and I from our tunnel vision of box.

- ❖ 8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. 9 “For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts” ([Isaiah 55:8-9](#); see also [Job 28:12-28](#); [Jeremiah 51:15-17](#)).