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2 Chronicles 1:7-12

5 Now the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the Lord; Solomon and the assembly sought Him *there*. **6** And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the Lord, which *was* at the tabernacle of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it. **7** On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, “Ask! What shall I give you?”

8 And Solomon said to God: “You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place. **9** Now, O Lord God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. **10** Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?”

11 Then God said to Solomon: “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king— **12** wisdom and knowledge *are* granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who *were* before you, nor shall any after you have the like.”

What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?

Godly Wisdom: The God given ability to judge correctly, to follow the best course of action based on biblical knowledge and understanding.

In other words: It's the practical application of God's word.

James 3:13-18

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. **14** But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. **15** Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. **16** For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

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. **18** Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Ungodly wisdom looks like this.

1. Bitterness
2. Envy or Jealousy
3. Selfish Ambition
4. Hypocritical

5. Bears the fruit of disorder

Godly wisdom is:

1. Pure
2. Peace-loving
3. Considerate
4. Submissive
5. Full of Mercy
6. Full of Good Fruit
7. Impartial
8. Sincere