

**These Three Kings:
On the Life of King Solomon**
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"A Choice Made"
1 Kings 3

Introduction:

After the death of David, he is replaced as king by his son Solomon. Solomon is given an unbelievable opportunity as God promises to give him whatever he wants, to grant him one request. How would you answer that question? Solomon's answer, and the way we would answer the question, says a lot about our attitude toward God and our perspective of ourselves.

Interpretation:

1. The request for _____ is the _____ request.

2. This request is the fruit of the _____.

3. The attitude is the fruit of a correct _____ of our _____.

Application:

Going Deeper

1. Before even starting our series on Solomon, what do you know about him already? What comes to mind about who Solomon was?
2. If you were in Solomon's shoes when God asked him what he wanted, how would you have answered? How would you answer it today?
3. How did Solomon's attitude and his recognition of the task in front of him dictate the request he made?
4. Solomon described himself as a "little child". Have you ever had a time of feeling this way, unable to move forward on your own? Why is this a necessary attitude for us to have?
5. What is your God-given purpose for your life? How does that differ from the purpose our culture holds to?
6. Jesus says that we are to come to him as little children. Describe the attitude that goes along with that imagery. What does that attitude look like on a practical level?
7. How are our prayer lives affected by the recognition of our need for God's direction and wisdom? Is that something that you pray for frequently?
8. What is one step you can take to have a proper perspective and attitude? Is this going to be hard for you?

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