

February 21 / Sunday

Who would pray for that?! Wisdom over a Wish List

Read [1 Kings 3:4-14](#)



22 / Mon – Blank check | Read [John 14:12-14](#) / [1 John 5:14-15](#)

It's your birthday and your billionaire uncle asks what you want. "Anything your heart desires," he says, "I'll get it for you." What would you say? A new car, a vacation home, all your debts paid? Did you know that God wants you to ask for things too? Jesus told his followers to make their request *in his name* to their Heavenly Father and they would receive it. Why do you think Jesus used the word *anything*? Was he giving them a blank check? Why or why not?

23 / Tue – Why ask for that? | Read [1 Kings 3:5-14](#) and [16-28](#)

Solomon had just begun his reign as the new king when God asked him what he wanted. Most in his position would have asked for a long life, riches or revenge over their enemies but Solomon's answer gives you some clues about his character and priorities. Why did he feel such a need for wisdom? One example is found in v. 16-28. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you were at a loss as to what to do? What happened?

24 / Wed – Wise sayings | Read [Proverbs 1:1-7](#) and [24:1-34](#)

Proverbs is a collection of Solomon's wise words. The introduction describes how these short but powerful sayings can help the reader understand the difference between living as a wise person and living as a fool in life. Because Proverbs has 31 chapters, some have found it helpful to read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month. If that works for you, try reading today's chapter (24). Do you see any takeaways you could apply to your own life?

25 / Thu – Two types of wisdom | Read [James 3:13-17](#)

James mentions two kinds of wisdom. One is an earthly type that is described in v. 13-16. Have you seen this kind of human wisdom in action or met someone who has been successful in business because of their 'wise' choices? What were their motives? How does this kind of wisdom differ from the wisdom which God gives? How do these descriptions help you discern if you are acting in a wise manner? To find out, take an honest look at your motives.

26 / Fri – Your last resort? | Read [James 1:5](#) / [Proverbs 9:10](#)

If you find yourself facing a situation that requires more than common sense wisdom, don't be afraid to ask God for his. Unlike some people who make you feel stupid for admitting a need, God does not! He will pour out his wisdom on you generously when you ask. Don't wait until your human wisdom has failed. Respect and reverence for God will lead you to go to him first. How has God given you wisdom in past situations? Where do you need it now?

27 / Sat – Wise living | Read [Luke 2:39-40, 52](#) / [Matthew 13:54-57](#) / [Matthew 7:24-27](#)

Jesus' life and teachings demonstrated a kind of wisdom that astounded those who heard him. Especially in the town where he grew up. God wants his people to be known for their wisdom. So, practically speaking, where do you start? Jesus addressed this at the end of his clear description of what it looks like to live as a citizen in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5-7). How well do you know what Jesus taught? And what are you putting into practice?