



HOW TO GET WISDOM

“Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong.” – 1 Kings 3:9a

SOLOMON’S DREAM

READ 1 KINGS 3:3-15

There is nothing like parenting to make us feel more in need of a little wisdom. How careful should we be with our restrictions on what they watch and listen to? What can we do to help them develop a deep love for God? How can we help them make good choices in their friendships? These and many other questions can keep us up at night. Praying for wisdom should be a daily practice for parents!

When David’s son Solomon became king, God told him in a dream that he could have anything he could ask for. Wow! What would you ask for? The possibilities are endless. But Solomon, taking a page from his father David’s book, humbly asked God for wisdom. He wanted to be a good king and to govern the people well. God answered Solomon’s prayer; and Solomon became famous for his wise decisions and leadership. Even Jesus mentioned Solomon’s wisdom! (Matthew 12:42)

We don’t have to face all of the difficult parenting choices on our own. God is ready, willing, and more than able to give us the wisdom we desire. All we need to do is ask.

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” (James 1:5)

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What have been some tough decisions you have made in your life? In hindsight, which ones were wise? Were any not so wise?
2. In what areas do you feel like you need a little wisdom right now? Have you specifically asked God for his wisdom? Ask him now.
3. What are some things that keep you from asking for wisdom from God? Talk to him about it.