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TITLE: BUILD YOUR HOUSE ON WISDOM

TEXT: *PROVERBS. 9:1* (NKJV)

“Wisdom has built her house. She has hewn out seven pillars. “

- * Wisdom is available for all of God’s children
Proverbs 2:6 (NKJV)
“For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;”
- * Wisdom from God is not limited to intelligence, experience or education. Wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge from God to every practical area of one’s life, family, finances, health, relationships and vocation/calling.
- * God builds His house on wisdom. Let us ask God for all the seven pillars of wisdom in order for all of us to function effectively in our God-given roles and purposes.

The 7 Pillars of wisdom seen in King Solomon’s life taken from 1 Kings chapters 3 & 4.

***1 Kings 4:29* (NKJV)**

“And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.”

THE SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM

A. *The “heart” of wisdom (1Kings 3:7-9)*

***1 Kings 3:9*(NKJV)**

“Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”

Wisdom begins with a child-like heart. Solomon said, “I am a little child” - v7
Wisdom enters your HEART.

B. *The “word” of wisdom (1 Kings 3:16-28)*

***1Kings 3:24-25*(NKJV)**

v24 “Then the king said, “Bring me a sword.” So they brought a sword before the king.

v25 And the king said, “Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other.”

The word of wisdom from God may sound foolish to human wisdom.

Paul explains in: ***1 Corinthians 1:18* (NKJV)**

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:25 ...the foolishness of God is wiser than man.

Proverbs 30:5(NKJV)

“Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him.”

Proverbs 10:31 ...the mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom.

Psalms 19:7-8(NKJV)

v7 “The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;
v8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;”

Luke 21:15(NKJV)

“For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

C. *The “team” of wisdom (1Kings 4:1-19)*

1 Kings 4:1, 7(NKJV)

v1 “So King Solomon was king over all Israel.
v2 And these *were* his officials: Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest;
v3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder;
v7 And Solomon had twelve governors over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household; each one made provision for one month of the year. “

“He who walks with wise men will be wise.” **Proverbs 13:20** (NASB)

D. *The “blessing” of wisdom (1Kings 4:20-23)*

1 Kings 4:20-21(NKJV)

v20 “Judah and Israel *were* as numerous as the sand by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and rejoicing.
v21 So Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the River *to* the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. *They* brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life. “

Because Solomon has wisdom, God gave him prosperity. He maximized his resources and developed sources of revenue.

E. The “peace” of wisdom (1Kings 4:25 NKJV)

“And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan as far as Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.”

When you walk in wisdom, your emotions are not fearful but you feel safety and security.

Isaiah 32:16-17(NKJV)

v16 “Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

v17 The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.”

F. The ‘creativity’ of wisdom (1Kings 4:30-33 NKJV)

v30 “Thus Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.

v31 For he was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.

v32 He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five.

v33 Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish.”

Wisdom is creative and progressive, it causes one to see vision, do things never done before.

G. The “promotion” of wisdom (1Kings 4:34 NKJV)

“And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.”

Because of his heart, word, team, prosperity, peace, and creativity, God gave him favour and promotion.

“A greater Solomon is here” – Jesus (*Matthew 12:42*)

In Christ and through Christ we can be wise.

CONCLUSION

Especially for mothers

Proverbs 24:3 & 4 (NKJV)

v3 “Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;

v4 By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.”

Ask God for wisdom***Proverbs 2:6*** (NKJV)

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;“

James 1:5 (NKJV)

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

Abide in Christ***Colossians 2:3*** (NKJV)

“In Him (*Christ*) are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”

Teach children to revere God.

Proverbs 9:10(NKJV)

“ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.”

Teach children the Word of God.

Psalms 19:7(NKJV)

“The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; “