



FAMILY DEVOTION :: PRIME :: BRAINSWEAT

Lesson 2 :: Just Ask

If you wanted to learn how to cook as a chef, what would you do? Perhaps you would enroll in a culinary school. If you wanted to learn how to ski, you might sign up for a beginners class with a ski instructor. To learn how to drive, you have to attend drivers education. To learn how to speak Portuguese, you could get a Portuguese-speaking tutor, sign up for a Portuguese language class, or live in Portugal for a time. When we don't know how to do something, we recognize our inadequacy on our own and seek the help of those who are capable of giving us instruction. So where would you go if you needed wisdom?

Read 2 Chronicles 1:7-12 as a family. After Solomon had been made king and was faced with the responsibility of ruling all of Israel, God came to Solomon and invited the young king to ask for whatever he wanted. In response, Solomon remembered how God had provided for his father David. Solomon also recognized that he had not earned the right to be king. God had given this honor to him. In order to take on his God-given responsibility, Solomon needed and wanted God's wisdom to discern right from wrong. The new king was focused on his need for wisdom to govern God's people, not selfish gain of wealth, riches, and honor; self-preservation by the death of his enemies; or long life for himself. Solomon's request was made in awareness of his complete dependence on God. In order to do what God had appointed Solomon to do for God's people, Solomon needed God's wisdom.

We have all been given the responsibility from God to live faithfully and to follow him in all circumstances. Like Solomon, we need God's wisdom and knowledge in order to live according to God's ways. Solomon teaches us how to depend on God. We need to recognize our inability to know right from wrong apart from God. Recognizing our need for wisdom, we turn to God, who is perfectly just and true. We ask God to give us His wisdom for discerning how to live faithfully. If we trust in who God is, recognize our inadequacy, and ask God for his wisdom, He is faithful to give us all that we need.

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does knowledge compare to wisdom? What are the similarities? What are the differences?
2. When it comes to knowing how to live with wisdom, why is it necessary to depend on God?
3. Why is it difficult for us to recognize our inability to live wisely apart from God?
4. What areas of your life do you try to handle without seeking God's wisdom?
5. How does it affect how you live to know that God will give you wisdom if you ask Him for it?