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Sermon – Pray for Wisdom

Scripture – 2nd Chronicles 1:6-12 & 2:7-14

Main Message – The greatest gift from God that He is happy to give.

If you ever want a change of your own making, make it this. Pray for Wisdom and add on the qualifier of serving God's people and then enjoy the blessings that come your way.

First, as a reminder, what is wisdom?

Strong's Concordance translates the word khaw-kawm' and is used in the Bible a lot.

I. wise, wise (man)

- A. skillful (in technical work)
- B. wise (in administration)
- C. shrewd, crafty, cunning, wily, subtle
- D. learned, shrewd (class of men)
- E. prudent
- F. wise (ethically and religiously)

So let me read how it went with Solomon in 2nd Chronicles 1. Solomon was King. A wise leader does not surround himself with the weak minded or the easily led, but rather those with skills in areas other than his own. Read 2nd Chronicles 2:13-14 A wise person is not sufficient only unto himself. We should all augment our life with others who are wise/skilled in complimentary areas.

Of course, we know Solomon's wisdom is written into proverbs for us all so let me remind you of what Proverbs 1 says.

Read Proverbs 1:1-7

The Bible is not lacking in directing us to God for wisdom. We do not avail ourselves often enough of this gift.

The New Testament also says this in the book of James.

Read James 1:5 – Notice what is required here – self introspection. You must recognize something lacking in your own portfolio of skills. Then go to God. Yes, it is important to study one self's own character.

And later in James Chapter 3 we can see that Godly wisdom is for us to use to be more like Christ and His righteousness. The "skillset" we see too much these days are filled with envy and strife. It won't stand the test of time nor avoid the wrath of God.

Pure wisdom comes from God and is not self-serving, but is a tool to help us navigate this world and to be filled with light. People came from all around to witness the incredible wisdom of Solomon. Maybe we can start attracting others with God's irrefutable wisdom as spirit filled Christians.