

A life of wisdom

I Kings 10

1. A description of Solomon's wisdom

A- She heard... (v. 1)

B- She came... (v. 2)

C- She saw... (vv. 3-5)

D- She was overwhelmed... (v. 5b)

2. An interpretation of Solomon's wisdom

A- A heart for people (vv. 8-9a)

B- A devotion to God (v. 9a)

C- A clear purpose (v. 9b)

3. The confirmation of Solomon's greatness

A- Gifts received (v. 10)

B- Propaganda interlude (vv. 11-12)

C- Gifts bestowed (v. 13)

1. Wisdom is relational

- **Say one thing to people's faces but another behind their backs**
- **Making promises we have no intention of keeping**
- **Blaming**
- **Attacking/retaliating**
- **Becoming sarcastic**
- **Giving in because we are afraid of not being liked**
- **"Leaking" our anger in subtle and not so subtle ways**
- **Giving people the silent treatment**
- **Withdrawing from people**

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- 2. Wisdom prioritizes a relationship with God**

- **I do God's work to satisfy myself not Him**
- **I do things in His name He never asked me to do**
- **My prayers are about God doing my will, not my surrendering to His**
- **I focus on certain theological points that are more about my own fears and unresolved issues than concern for God's truth**
- **I apply biblical truth selectively when it suits my purposes but avoid situations that would require me to make significant changes in my life**

- 1. Wisdom is relational**
- 2. Wisdom prioritizes a relationship with God**
- 3. Wisdom gives us a clear purpose for living**

- **The appearance of helpfulness when actually I'm promoting myself**
- **The appearance of kindness and sacrifice when I'm actually being manipulative**
- **The appearance of busyness and activity when actually God is nowhere present in my actions or intentions; it's all self-originated, self-motivated, and self-glorifying**