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A smart and abundant life

2 Chronicles chapter 1

In 2 Chronicles 1, Solomon becomes king of Israel after his father David and sacrifices on the threshing floor of Mount Gibeon. God appeared to Solomon in a dream and made any request he wanted. Solomon prayed for wisdom and knowledge to govern God's people, and God was pleased with his request, granting him in addition to wealth and honor. Solomon began building the temple and sent a message to King Hiram of Tyre to provide materials and skilled labor for the temple's construction. The chapter concludes with a list of Solomon's riches and the horses and chariots he owned.

Solomon's appeal to God for wisdom was his personal seeking. "And Solomon commanded all Israel to come, even the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, and the judges, and the princes, and the heads of the fathers' houses. King Solomon brought his leaders and people close to God, and God gave him a spirit of wisdom in worship and prayer. As in Ephesians, Paul prayed for wisdom and a spirit of revelation for the saints of the church in Ephesus, Ephesians 1:17. Worship is to bow your knees before God and acknowledge that God is sovereign

and the source of all wisdom. Moreover, worship is in God's love, because God's promise to David was fulfilled in Solomon.

"Wisdom and wisdom" is not to raise one's IQ, but to be a wise spirit. This spirit is open to God, interacts with God, and knows God's mind at all times. The spirit of wisdom is the spirit of the fear of the Lord, and God is in all things. Stubbornness, on the other hand, is the lack of this openness to God, relying on one's own set of ideas. God is willing to talk to us and guide us in every detail of life, but we are used to not listening, or not listening, and we cannot let God work. The more we can interact with God, understand God's heart in ministry, in our workplace, in our family relationships, and in everything, the more we will be able to dance with Him.

Solomon's material abundance was, on the one hand, God's reward for "possessions, riches, and honor" for the construction of the temple. But on the other hand, these graces also led Solomon to be tempted by the lust of his eyes and the pride of this life, and although the temple was built, Solomon's heart turned further and further away from God, and the kingdom was eventually taken back by God, (1 Kings 11:11). In the same way, if we do not "serve one another according to the gifts we are given, and be good stewards of every gift of God" (1 Peter 4:10), the more grace we have, the easier it is to be proud. The greater the gift, the easier it is to fall.

The history of the church is also full of human weakness and failure, but the church stands still because of God's work: God will use the weak church to be a witness of Christ on earth, showing that His power is "made perfect in the weakness of man" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

If God appears to every believer and asks what He wants. Can we, like King Solomon, put God first? The Lord Jesus taught us in Matthew 6 not to ask for what to eat or what to wear, but to seek the kingdom of God and the righteousness of God. For when we put God first, His wisdom will enable us to live a blessed life.

Matthew 6:33 Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. It is not a sin to be wise, and it is not a sin to have riches; But it is sin to forget God and live for yourself.

Christians should be clear about what their most important goal in life is. We have many goals in the world, but all of them are temporary, they are all phased, and we cannot survive forever. There is a day when our careers retire, when our

responsibilities for raising children in the family come to an end, when our worldly responsibilities are over, what purpose can we have in life?

Psalm 90 says, "The years we have spent are like a sigh." The days of our lives, which are seventy years old, and if we are strong, eighty years old, describe the brevity of human life, and in the face of such a short life, Moses prayed to God, saying, 'Teach us how to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart.' To be wise is to be able to live our lives more meaningfully.

Let's pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father, please take away all our stubborn spirits and give us heavenly wisdom so that we may truly know You, so that we may know Your calling and mission, and have the wisdom and ability to live out Your calling and mission, so that we may use Your wisdom to live abundantly and glorify Your name.

How blessed it is that we are able to stand on the shoulders of our forefathers in the past! Because we can know more about God through them! Pray that God will help us not only to receive the grace left by our predecessors in the faith, but also to ask the Lord to elevate our vision and vision—to pass on the grace and values of faith we have received to the next generation!

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

2 Chronicles 1:1 Solomon, the son of David, was firmly in power. The presence of the God of Yahweh was with him, and exalted him exaltedly.

1:2 And Solomon commanded all the Israelites, captains of thousands, captains of hundreds, judges, princes, and chiefs of fathers.

1:3 And Solomon and the congregation went to the high place of Gibeon, for there was the tabernacle of God, which Moses the servant of Jehohua had made in the wilderness.

1:4 But the ark of God, David had moved from Gilead Jeremiah to the place he had prepared, because he had pitched the tabernacle for the ark of the covenant in Jerusalem.

1:5 And the bronze altar which Bezareel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, made was before the tabernacle of Gibeonah Howar. Solomon and the congregation were near the altar.

1:6 And Solomon went up to the bronze altar which was in the tabernacle of the congregation before Yahweh, and offered a thousand sacrifices for a burnt offering.

1:7 And God appeared unto Solomon that night, and said unto him, Whatever thou I will give thee, thou shalt ask.

1:8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shown mercy unto David my father, that thou hast made me king in his stead.

1:9 Now, O God of China, I beseech thee, fulfill the word which thou hast promised to David my Father. For thou hast made me king over this people, and they are as many as the dust of the earth.

1:10 Give me wisdom and discernment, that I may come and go before this people. Otherwise, who can judge the multitude of the people?

1:11 And God said unto Solomon, I have made thee king over my people. Thou hast not sought wealth, riches, or honor, nor the life of those who hate thee, nor the life of those who hate thee, nor the longevity of thy life, but the wisdom and discernment that may judge my people.

1:12 I will give thee wisdom and discernment, and I will give thee riches and honor. None of the kings before you were like this, nor will there be anything after you.

1:13 So Solomon returned from the tabernacle of Gibeon's mound to Jerusalem to rule the Israelites.

1:14 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen, and had a thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, and set them up in the cities of the chariots, and in Jerusalem, which was with the king.

1:15 And the king made silver and gold as plentiful as stones in Jerusalem, and cedar trees as plentiful as mulberry trees in the high plains.

1:16 Solomon's horses were brought from Egypt and bought by the king's merchants at a fixed price.

1:17 The chariots they bought from Egypt cost seven hundred shekels of silver each, and one hundred and fifty shekels each of the horses. The chariots and horses that the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria bought were bought by their hands at this value.

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Book 2, Chapter 1 of Book 2 of Chronicles focuses on King Solomon's reign and his prayers to God for wisdom. Here are some important verses from this chapter:

One. "Solomon the son of David reigned firmly in his kingdom, for the LORD his God was with him, and he was exceedingly great." (2 Chronicles 1:1)

Two. "When Solomon spoke to all Israel, he spoke to the commander of thousands, and to the commanders of hundreds, to the judges, and to the princes of Israel." (2 Chronicles 1:2)

Three. "Solomon the son of David is king over all the land of Israel." —2 Chronicles 1:13.

Four. "That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, 'Ask whatever you want me to give you.'" —2 Chronicles 1:7.

Five. "Give me wisdom and knowledge that I may lead over this people, for who can rule over this great people?" —2 Chronicles 1:10.

Six. "God said to Solomon, 'Since this is the desire of your heart, and you have not asked for riches or possessions or honor, nor have you asked for the death of your enemies, since you have not sought long life but wisdom and knowledge to rule over my people, I have made you king, therefore wisdom and knowledge will

be given to you." And I will give you riches, possessions, and honors, just as kings who were not before you will not be after you. —2 Chronicles 1:11-12.

Seven. "And Solomon went from the high place of Gibeon, from the tabernacle of congregation, to Jerusalem, and became king over Israel." —2 Chronicles 1:13.

These verses highlight King Solomon's greatness and his request for God's wisdom, which ultimately led to God giving him not only wisdom but also wealth, possessions, and honor.

The focus of Chronicles 2:1 is Solomon's ascension to Israel's throne and his prayer for wisdom. Here are reflections on this chapter:

Chronicles 2:1 marks the beginning of Solomon's following in the footsteps of his father David as king of Israel. It laid the foundation for Solomon's reign and highlighted his wisdom, his devotion to God, and his desire to lead the people of Israel to righteousness.

A key aspect of this chapter is Solomon's prayer for wisdom. When given the opportunity to ask God for anything, he humbly acknowledges his limitations and recognizes the great responsibility of leading a nation. Instead of asking for wealth, power, or personal gain, Solomon chose wisdom. This choice shows that he understands that true leadership comes from a heart that seeks understanding, discernment, and guidance.

Solomon's prayer for wisdom also shows his deep fear of God. He recognized that wisdom was a gift from God and was essential to governing the people justly and wisely. His humility and acknowledgment of God's sovereignty are an example of a leader in any situation. It reminds us that leadership is not about personal ambition or self-centered goals, but about serving others and seeking divine guidance.

In response to Solomon's prayers, God not only blessed him with wisdom but also promised to grant him wealth, wealth, and honor. This highlights an important principle: when we seek God first and prioritize His wisdom, other blessings will naturally follow. Solomon's story reminds us that true success and prosperity lies in aligning our hearts with God's will and seeking His wisdom above all else.

2 Chronicles 1 also emphasizes the importance of worship and the centrality of the temple in Israel's religious life. Solomon offered sacrifices to God and tried to establish the temple as a place of national worship and sacrifice. This shows his commitment to glorifying God and ensuring proper worship is maintained.