



# THE PURSUIT THAT PLEASES GOD

FAITH BUILDERS

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KING SOLOMON & HIS WRITINGS

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III. Solomon's Wisdom Demonstrated (16-28)





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A. His Marriage Alliance (1)

B. His Practice of Sacrificing on High Places (2-3)



## II. SOLOMON'S REQUEST FOR AND RECEPTION OF WISDOM (4-15)

### A. Solomon's Request for Wisdom (4-9)

1. The Region: Gibeon (4)
2. The Request: Give me Wisdom (5-9)
  - I am a child (7b)
  - I do not know how to go out or come in (7c)
  - The responsibility is great (8)
  - So, give me an Understanding Heart i.e. Wisdom (9)
    - Understand / Listen – 'Shema' means Hear. Also the word for **Obey**
    - Heart – The Center of who you are as a person
    - Give me an open, receptive and teachable heart

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### B. Solomon's Reception of Wisdom (10-15)

1. The Lord's Response (10)
2. The Lord's Reasoning (11-14)
3. Solomon's Reaction (15)



## III. SOLOMON'S WISDOM DEMONSTRATED (16-28)

A. Solomon's Wise Judgement (16-27)

B. The People's Response (28)



## IV. LESSONS / APPLICATION

- A. God is the Source of ALL Wisdom (Prov. 2:6; 9:10)
- B. We are to Pursue a life of Godly Wisdom (Prov. 3:13,18; Ps. 90:12)
- C. God Desires to give Wisdom to His Children (Prov. 3:13,18; Ps. 90:12)
- D. To be Truly Wise is to be Truly like Christ (Luke 11:31; 1 Cor. 1:30)
- E. Practical Suggestions for Pursuing Wisdom
  1. Prioritize the pursuit of Wisdom (Prov. 4:7)
  2. Seek the Wisdom you lack (Prov. 2:3-4)
  3. Remember that it is the Lord who Gives Wisdom (Prov. 2:6-7)
  4. Marinate your Soul on the Word of God (Col. 3:16)



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