

Kingdom People
King Solomon: The Wisest King Who Was Also a Fool
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I King 1-11; Deuteronomy 17

Big Idea: King Solomon is a divided king, full of wisdom but also full of folly.

1 Kings 2:2-3

Will Solomon be a good king or a bad king?

1 Kings 3:1

1 Kings 3:3

1 Kings 3:7-9

1 Kings 6:38

1 Kings 7:1

1 Kings 9:15

1 Kings 9:17

Exodus 1:11

1 Kings 10:28 & 29

1 Kings 11:1-3

Deuteronomy 17:15-17

Rules for King's of Israel:

- 1. You must be an Israelite, not a foreigner.**
- 2. Do not acquire many horses, especially from Egypt.**
- 3. Do not acquire many wives.**
- 4. Do not acquire a lot of gold and silver.**

Wisdom is only as valuable as your desire to use it.

1 Kings 11:11

Message questions

We continue in our journey through *God's Story* in our second series called, *Kingdom People*. Throughout this series, we'll explore stories of the kingdom of Israel and see how each story can grow our longing for King Jesus and a greater desire to submit to his rule and reign. This week we'll focus in on Solomon—the wisest king who was also a fool. The Big Idea is *King Solomon is a divided king, full of wisdom but also full of folly*. Our passages this week are **1 Kings 2:2-3; 1 Kings 3 and Deuteronomy 17:15-17**.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Read **1 Kings 3:1-3**. How do you see Solomon wavering between wisdom and folly in this text? Why is the author letting us know about Solomon's alliance with Pharaoh?
2. Have someone read **1 Kings 3:7-9**. How would you describe Solomon's actions and attitudes before God?

3. Have someone else read **1 Kings 3:10-14**. What do we learn about God's character in his response to Solomon's requests?
4. Solomon is a divided king, full of wisdom but also full of folly. How has or is your compromise limiting your **growth** as an everyday follower of Jesus?
5. Jesus is the king we need, not the king we want. How does God's character, revealed in the story of Solomon, motivate you to **go** to your relational world with humility, gentleness, and generosity?