

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Kings 4:29

“And God gave Solomon wisdom and very much understanding, and largeness of heart.”
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Let us not confuse human wisdom with that wisdom that issues froth from the Spirit of God. Yes, experience will teach us – if we have a heart that is teachable and set to learn. And yes, more often than not, even those outside of Christ may often have more “common sense” than many professing believers, “for the sons of this age are in their generation wiser than the children of light.” (Luke 16:8)

The Lord gave Solomon three specific things and He desires for us to have these three things as well. They are 1) wisdom, 2) understanding, and 3) largeness of heart.

Wisdom – “But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom...” (1 Corinthians 1:30) Understanding – And what is wisdom without an understanding of how to implement it” “He (Jesus) opened their understanding...” (Luke 24:45)

Largeness of heart – this third gift given to Solomon was “largeness of heart.” Without a largeness of heart for the difficulties of others, our “bowels of compassion” are in danger of being clogged by pride, indifference, or just plain selfishness. It is “the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit” for other people that compels us to act on their behalf.

Lord, thank You for wisdom. Thank You for understanding. And thank You for largeness of heart. Thank You that “wisdom is my sister and understanding my intimate friend.” (Proverb 7:4)