

SERIOUSLY #3

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“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don’t be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil. Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.” Proverbs 3:5-8 NLT

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.” Isaiah 5:20-21 NIV

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.” 2 Timothy 4:2-4 NASB

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23 NIV

_____ (impressed) → _____ (clever)

WHICH LEADS TO...

_____ (ears tickled) → _____ (death)

“When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desire.”

Romans 6:10-11 NLT

THE LESSON OF SOLOMON: THINKING “GOD WILL GIVE ME A PASS”

SOLOMON’S CHARGE AS A MAN OF GOD

“When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son. “I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man, ³ and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go ⁴ and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’” 1 Kings 2:1-4 NIV

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“So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.”

1 Kings 2:12 NIV

SOLOMON’S REQUEST AND GOD’S FAVOR

“Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” 1 Kings 3:7-14 NIV

SEE SOLOMON'S _____ + _____ + _____
GOD RESPOND'S _____ + _____ + _____

SOLOMON'S LIFE + GOD'S RESPONSE

GOD SAID: _____.

SOLOMON: _____.

“The LORD became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the LORD’s command. So the LORD said to Solomon, “Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates. Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son.” 1 KINGS 11:9-14 NIV

THE BOTTOM LINES OF WHAT HAPPENED

SOLOMON _____.

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“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?” Romans 6:1-2 NASB

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHAT ARE THE SUBTLE WAYS WE DECEIVE OURSELVES? WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE?

HOW HAS GOD SET UP GOD'S MAN IN A SOLID WAY LIKE HE SET UP SOLOMON?

HOW DOES YOUR LIFE REFLECT SOLOMON'S FROM A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE?

WHAT IS ONE CLEAR “TAKEAWAY” FOR YOU THAT YOU WILL/NEED TO APPLY?

