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Calibrating Your GPS

(God's Plan for Success)



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Then Solomon formed a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her to the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem.

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The people were still sacrificing on the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days.

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Now Solomon loved the LORD,
walking in the statutes of his father
David, except he sacrificed and
burned incense on the high places.
The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice
there,

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for that was the great high place; Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, “Ask what *you wish* Me to give you.”

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Then Solomon said, “You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You;

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and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. “Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

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“Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted. “So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil.

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For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?” It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

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God said to him, “Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself [fn]long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice,

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behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

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“I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days. “If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days.”

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Millennials

Vote, enlist, drink, marry

The critical parts of the brain involved in decision-making are not fully developed until age 25.

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Four types of people:

1. Those who know that they know
2. *Those who know that they don't know*
3. Those who don't know that they know
4. Those who don't know that they don't know

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To be human is to reason, to reflect, and to ask questions about life and its meaning. **Solomon knew that he didn't know.**

- That a type of wisdom.
- He knew he wasn't fully equipped

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POLITICS and PEER PRESSURE

- Solomon married an Egyptian (politics)
- He sacrificed at the “high place” (peer pressure)

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Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood,
but against principalities, against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this
world, against spiritual wickedness in *high
places*.

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High places were where pagans and/or idolators made sacrifices to idols.

It was forbidden for the Children of Israel to do so.

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LIFE LESSONS

- DISCIPLINE (vs. 3)
- DUTY (vs. 7)
- DISCERNMENT (vs. 9)

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DISCIPLINE (1 KINGS 1:3)

Now Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

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DUTY (1 KINGS 1:7)

“Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

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DISCERNMENT (1 KINGS 1:9) “Listening heart”

“So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”

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