
SERMON OUTLINE

Blessed to be a blessing
1 Kings 3:16 – 4:34

- I. God gave Solomon judicial wisdom to assure fairness for the people (1 Kings 3: 16-28).
- A. A tragic dilemma and dispute (16-22)
 - B. Brilliant and compassionate justice (23-28)

What decision-making has God entrusted to you that can bring compassion and justice to people God loves?

- II. God gave Solomon administrative wisdom to supply provisions and peace (1 Kings 4:1-28)
- A. Cabinet officials to oversee the nation (4:1-6)
 - B. Commissioners responsible for palace provisions (4:7-19)
 - C. Evidence that God blessed Solomon's leadership
 - Prosperous and happy people (20)
 - Financial and military security (21-24)
 - Individuals peace and safety (25)
 - Fully supplied court (26-28)

What management responsibility has God given you that can enable others to feel provided for and secure?

- III. God gave Solomon teaching wisdom to improve the lives of others (1 Kings 4:29-34).
- A. Greater wisdom than anyone in the world (4:29-33)
 - Proverbs for peace, safety, godliness
 - Songs to celebrate and enjoy life
 - Educational materials
 - B. Great reputation all around the world (4:34)

What gifts or abilities has God entrusted to you that can serve, encourage, teach or improve lives?