

Wisdom

Today we are learning about wisdom. In 1 Kings 3 we read the story of King Solomon asking God for wisdom to rule the nation. Here we see that Solomon:

- Sought the Lord.
- He showed humility in seeking God's wisdom.
- He prioritises wisdom over wealth and power.
- This story shows God's generosity in response to Solomon's request.
- Solomon receives judicial wisdom and discernment.
- Solomon receives wisdom for governance and leadership.

King Solomon knew that he was only able to govern the nation because the Lord had given him the wisdom to do so.

This story makes that point that wisdom is not limited by age because it is not about knowing heaps of stuff. It is about being able to use the knowledge we have in a discerning way.

In our reading from Ephesians, we also read about the importance of living as wise people.

So, both our readings this morning teach us that:

- The source of true wisdom is God.
- The purpose of wisdom is to help us in our Christian living.
- The results of wisdom are shown through living a spirit filled life.
- The rewards of wisdom are seen in the blessings God has given us.

Both our readings today highlight the importance of us seeking and applying God's wisdom.

So, the question for this week is:

Have you humbled yourself before God and asked for the gift of his wisdom?

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5