THE "MORE THAN WE ASK" EXPERIENCE

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1Kings 3:7-9 "...I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in....Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart..."

We will never correctly choose our life course until we are committed to putting first things first. It wasn't till Solomon wanted and sought God's kingdom and glory that The Lord gave him the things he did not ask for! 1Ki 3:13 "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days."

Stunned by the largeness of his duties, the young king went to Gibeon to adore God. He desired to fulfill his responsibilities to the highest degree, but he recognized his inefficiency. Do you ever feel this way? As a little child, you "know not how to go out or come in." "Going out" stands for the engaged life in this world; "coming in" for hours spent in the home, amusement, and society.

Solomon requested an understanding heart to distinguish between good and bad. We all need this capability, to discern between things that look very much alike but are diverse in nature and direction. It says in Hebrews 5:14 "But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is,* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." It is not a bestowal of intellectual power but moral taste and discernment. In our business, studies, recreation, and friendship - we urgently need an understanding heart that listens and heeds the voice of God.

If we surrender ourselves to God's intention, surely He will direct our paths. Mat 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

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