**WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT?**

40 Days of Prayer – Part 1

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**1 Kings 3:1-15**

**Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)**
Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Solomon's story is important because the question that God asked the king, he has also asked you: "What do you really want? What are the desires of your heart? What are you willing to ask for?" Today we'll look at Solomon's request, and we'll see what we can learn about asking and receiving from God.

1. **Do You Really Want To Grow?**

**1 Kings 3:7-9 (NIV)**
"Now, O 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?"

* **Do You Feed On God’s Word?**
* **Are You Developing Spiritual Habits?**
* **Do You Expect To Grow?**
* **Are You Committed To Grow?**
1. **Are Your Prayers Selfish or Others Focused?**

**1 Kings 3:9 (NIV)**
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?"

**1 Chronicles 4:10 (HCSB)**
Jabez called out to the God of Israel: “If only You would bless me, extend my border, let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm, so that I will not cause any pain.” And God granted his request.

1. **Are You Seeking After Character or Things?**

**1 Kings 3:9 (HCSB)**
So give Your servant an obedient heart to judge Your people and to discern between good and evil.

**1 Kings 3:13 (NIV)**
Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for--both riches and honor--so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.

**Matthew 6:33 (NIV)**
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.