

2 Chronicles 1:10

Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?

This is King Solomon talking in today's verse. He is the son of King David and was the next King of Israel after King David died. Solomon is known as the wisest man on the earth. Kings and Queens and people from far off lands would come to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Yet even with all of his God given wisdom (Yes God gave Solomon that wisdom), in his wisdom Solomon knew that he could not lead the children of Israel even with his wisdom, He knew He needed more than that because he also knew that the people did not belong to him, but that they were God's people that he was to guide.

We are to be the same way, in our ministries, as well as with our friends and family. They are not ours; they belong to God. Even the bible tells us as men that we should present our wife as a perfect bride, because we are taking care of His creation that God has blessed us with.

† ***Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.***

But then everything that God gives us is His already, yet how are we taking care of those things, or those people that God had put into our care? Not just men, but women as well. Do we belittle our spouse or kids? Do we think that now that we are in a ministry, that we are too good or too important to do those little tasks in the church or even in the ministry? What about the things God has blessed us with? Do we use Godly wisdom with our money and the possessions He has given us? Once again, everything we have, God has given to us.

We all know of the parable of the good and faithful servant. But did you read what Jesus said about those who take care of the things He has blessed them with. Yes we will be rewarded in heaven, but as you read it, we see that we are also blessed here on the earth as well.

† ***Luke 19:17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'***

Maybe you don't have much, or it seems the Lord has not given you much. Like those who think that if they hit the Lotto they will use the money to bless others. But I don't believe that the Lord will bless us with millions if we can't even do with the little we have, read the parable again in Luke 19

† **Luke 19:23** *Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'*

The thing is, as believers, we need to stop seeking to have more before we start doing for others. Instead, we should start doing for others, then the Lord will give us more, not for ourselves, but so we can do even more for others. If we are seeking to do for others so that we can have more, then our heart is not in the right place, because we are making it all about ourselves and what we can get out of it, and not what we can do for others.

As we started out talking about how everything we have is the Lord's anyway, He is just giving it to us to be a good steward with, not to be rich with. So, let's simply ask the Lord for the wisdom of Solomon to be able to bless others with what the Lord has blessed us with.

† **Acts 20:35 (NLT2)** *And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*"

† **2 Corinthians 8:11-12 (NLT2)** *Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have.*