

## THE POWER TO PRODUCE WEALTH PART 05

# Why Wealth Comes From Wisdom

### SCRIPTURE READING:

**5** At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." **6** Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. **7** "Now, 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. **8** Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. **9** 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?" **10** The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. **11** So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, **12** I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. **13** Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. **14** And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." **15** Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

- 1 Kings 3:5-15 (NIV)

## OPENING PRAYER

*Dear Lord, as we gather today, we are aware of our need for your wisdom and also of your willingness to grant it to us if we ask. And so we ask, Lord, give us your supernatural wisdom! We cry out after wisdom, we lift up our voice for understanding, we seek them as silver and search for them as for hid treasures. Now Lord, cause us to know the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God, we pray, in Jesus' name.*

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. If you want wealth, seek wisdom. Wealth is not to be sought directly. What does this mean to you, and how do you intend to live this out in your daily life?
2. In what area(s) of your life do you need the wisdom of God? Are you facing a barrier or trial that you don't know how to overcome?
3. "If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask God." (James 1:5) When we need wisdom, we tend to ask each other, or seek a mentor or coach. There's nothing wrong with this, of course, but there is something wrong with failing to ask the Lord. How often do you actually go to the Lord with your questions and ask him for his wisdom?
4. Has this lesson inspired you to think/act in any way that differs from the way you thought/acted before hearing the message? What will you do differently?

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, we thank you for the wisdom that you give to seek your wisdom above all things, to treasure it above all of the riches of the earth. We receive from your hand today the wisdom that we need to do your will and to excel in all things for your glory. We love you, in Jesus' name, Amen.*