

## Bread of Wisdom

- I. Intro: Wisdom
  - Quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment
  - Soundness of action or decision with application to experience, knowledge, and good judgment
  - Either experience in own life or using other's experience, wise observe and analyze
- II. Solomon
  - Followed God, showed love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given by David, sacrificed at high place Gibeon
  - God was pleased with him and state "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."
    - o Statement not a question
    - o God will fulfill
  - Solomon first gave thanks
  - Solomon asked for wisdom to govern the people
  - God gave him more because his request would benefit others
    - o Solomon could have asked for riches

## What can we learn from Solomon?

- III. Follow God's Ways
  - Jesus is the bread of life
    - o Relationship
    - o Daily time, reading the Bible, prayer, meditation
    - o His teachings
    - o Love God, Love people, Love yourself
    - o Sacrifice time and resources
- IV. Give thanks (example from Ephesians)
  - A. Filled with the Holy Spirit
    - a. When accept Jesus as your savior
    - b. Advocate/intercessor
    - c. Produce fruits: gentleness, self-control, patience, joy, love, faithfulness, etc.
  - B. Speak psalms, hymns, and songs
  - C. Always give thanks to God the Father for everything (even trials and tribulations)
- V. Ask
  - "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." 1 Kings 3:5

- “Ask and it will be given. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will open.” Matthew 7:7
- God gives good gifts
  - Provides all our needs
- Solomon unselfishly asked for something that would benefit others
- According to God’s will

#### VI. Conclusion

- Solomon followed God’s ways, gave thanks, and asked