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"Solomon"

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SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY + ACT.

2025 Focus: 50 Key Truths

Each Friday, explore a key truth about our Christian faith and how we can live in light of this truth.

Day 1 [1 Kings 4:20-34](#) | Solomon

During Solomon's lifetime Judah and Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, lived in safety, everyone under their own vine and under their own fig tree. 1 Kings 4:25

David has died, and his son, Solomon, is crowned king. Solomon begins well. He leads with God-given wisdom and places God's Word at the center of both his private life and public leadership. Israel flourishes. This is Israel's "golden age" of peace, safety, prosperity and security. But this season does not last. Solomon slowly drifts through the end of his reign. His character erodes. His heart becomes divided. The beautiful beginning ends in tragic compromise. And the generation after Solomon ends up politically fractured and spiritually adrift.

Solomon's story has powerful lessons for us today. His story teaches us that a wise life is not only about how you start but who you are becoming. Wisdom is not merely intelligence or information. True wisdom is humble obedience. Solomon tells us, "above all else, guard your heart" ([Proverbs 4:23](#)). We must watch our desires, motives and loves because our heart determines our direction. Solomon's life is also a warning. Few people self-destruct with one decision. Most fall through a long series of tiny, tolerated compromises. A wrong love here. A secret indulgence there. Small moments where we choose self over God.

TODAY: Pray and ask God to show you the true condition of your heart. Ask him to protect your inner life so your outer life stays on the right path. Consider using the prayer template provided in [Psalm 139:23-24](#): "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Day 2 [1 Kings 3:4-9](#) | Humility

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. 1 Kings 3:7

Solomon is the wisest king in Israel's history. When offered anything in the world, Solomon asks God for wisdom—"a discerning heart"—so he can lead well and make good decisions. Solomon receives wisdom along with riches and honor. The wisest person in Israel calls himself "a little child." He isn't actually a child when he prays this. Solomon is not describing his age. He is describing his posture. His dependence. His need for God.

Humility is crucial to our relationship with God and others. Humility is the soil that wisdom grows in. Jesus said the same thing: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" ([Matthew 5:3](#)). Blessed are those who know they bring nothing to God—and receive everything by grace. Wisdom begins with the realization that we don't know enough. We can't see clearly enough. We need God. Humility is not just for our relationship with God. If we want to be a good

friend, we need humility. If we want a healthy marriage, we need humility. If we want a peaceful home, we need humility.

TODAY: A humble heart is a listening heart. Listen to God's voice before using your own. Today, before you make a decision, even a small one, pray Solomon's prayer in one short sentence: "Lord, I don't know enough. Give me a listening heart."

Day 3 [1 Kings 3:1-3](#) | **Compromise**

Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. 1 Kings 3:1

Solomon begins well. He loves God. He seeks wisdom. He wants to please the Lord. *Except.* He keeps the "high places." What begins as a small compromise becomes a defining pattern. He multiplies wealth, wives and alliances. He tolerates worship that God said must not continue. His "except" eventually leads to full idolatry.

Compromise rarely begins loudly or dramatically. Most compromises are quiet. Normal. Socially acceptable. They rarely blow up in chapter one of our story. Our compromises can even look spiritual. I follow God...*except* I still consume content that slowly poisons my heart. I am generous...*except* that I protect certain comforts as untouchable. I love like Jesus...*except* with the person who wounded me. Spiritual compromise may seem wise, but it always costs you something—clarity fades, conviction dulls and distance from God grows. God doesn't just want loving words from us. He wants a fully surrendered heart.

TODAY: Ask God to help you name one "except" in your life. Be honest as you identify it. Then confess it to God. Call it what it is. Repent—turn away—and then take one specific step to realign your obedience (text an apology, delete an app, end a subscription). Return your heart to him, fully.

Explore Solomon's story further on the *Beyond the Weekend Podcast*—find it wherever you listen to podcasts or on YouTube [HERE](#).

Day 4 [Deuteronomy 17:14-20](#) | **God's Word at the Center**

It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees. Deuteronomy 17:19

God gave every king in Israel a specific command: write down the book of Deuteronomy. Copy it. Line by line. Word for word. This was not punishment. This was protection. God wants his word to be with every king, shaping how the king thinks, leads, decides and lives. God wants his word to form the king's humility and guard the king's heart from compromise.

Every king eventually failed to keep the word of God at the center, except one. Jesus is the only king who perfectly kept the word of God at the center. When Satan directly tempted him in the wilderness, Jesus didn't give in. He simply answered with Scripture, specifically from Deuteronomy (see [Matt. 4:1-11](#)). Jesus showed he is the true king that God's people have always longed for and needed—the king who faithfully knows and obeys God's law. Further, he shows us what a victorious life looks like. And now, by the Holy Spirit, this victorious king lives in us and empowers us to do the same: to keep God's Word central, daily, close, active in our minds and hearts. Because when his Word is central, humility grows. Compromise loses power. Freedom expands.

TODAY: Pick a brief verse and copy it down by hand (maybe [Proverbs 4:23](#), a verse we considered earlier this week). Pray as you copy. Ask the Holy Spirit to form humility and strengthen obedience in you. Then thank Jesus for his help and victory by worshipping with the Ada Bible Worship Team as they sing "[All Hail King Jesus](#)."



Day 5 [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) | Question 44: Christian Hope

Question: What is the Christian hope for the future?

Answer: The Christian hope is in Christ's return, our bodily resurrection and eternal life in God's renewed creation.

And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. 1

Thessalonians 4:17-18

Paul writes to believers who are grieving and confused about loved ones who have died. He wants them to understand their future with Christ so they won't grieve like those without hope. Paul describes the future return when the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and the dead in Christ will rise, and then the living will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord. This is the Christian hope—not just souls floating in heaven, but bodily resurrection and eternal life with Christ. Paul emphasizes this isn't wishful thinking but a certain reality.

This hope transforms how we live today. The Christian hope isn't merely going to heaven when we die but Jesus returning to make all things new, including our bodies. When Jesus returns, he will finish his work of redemption, transforming believers' bodies into immortal, glorified bodies like his own ([1 Corinthians 15:42-44](#), [Philippians 3:20-21](#)). We will be resurrected like Jesus and live as God's renewed creation. The new heaven and new earth will be a place where God dwells with his people, free from sin, death, pain and sorrow ([Revelation 21:1-5](#)). This hope means our present sufferings cannot compare with the glory that will be revealed ([Romans 8:18](#)), and that our labor in the Lord is never in vain because we're investing in God's eternal kingdom.

TODAY: Thank God for the certain hope of Christ's return and your bodily resurrection. Let this hope encourage you—Jesus will make all things new. Ask God to help you live with an eternal perspective, investing your time and energy in things that build his kingdom. Learn more about what the Bible teaches on eternity in our We Believe document [HERE](#).