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# How to Use this Guide

So, you're a Bible Quizzer. Now what? Sure, you want to do well at competition, but I suspect you're in it for more. You hunger and thirst for more knowledge of God's Word, right? If so, then you've come to the right place.

The Word2U study system blends the essential aspects that make for an effective study program in Bible Quizzing with elements of a devotional. You won't just be memorizing. You'll be digging deep into the meaning of the verses you're learning, praying the Word and learning how to apply Scripture to your own walk with God.

**Let's take a quick tour of the tool.**

## INTRODUCTION

Before you start your journey, the short Introduction will set the stage for what you will be studying for the year. The Introduction also introduces you to the year's theme.

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# STUDY MODULES

The Study Modules are broken out by days and identify the work to be done in the areas of memorization and review. Plus each day has its own devotion. These devotions are short narratives that are designed to draw out a key point from one or more of the verses that you will memorize that day. These devotions also give rise to the Prayer Focus. There are 100 Study Modules in total.

Let's look at each of these pieces separately.

## 1. Daily Module

**The Day of Study**

**The Daily Objectives**

## 2. The Devotion

1. Short message to help you understand the verses & how they apply to you

2. The Prayer is meant to teach you how to "pray the Word."

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<b>March Off the Map</b>	
<p><b>Memorization</b></p> <p>Proverbs 2:5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. Proverbs 2:8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Proverbs 2:9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.</p>	<p><b>Review</b></p> <p>In Order: Prov. 1:30-33; 2:1-4 Mixed: 1 Kings 3:5 – Prov. 1:29</p>
<p>Abraham was a sojourner (Gen. 23:4). The writer of Hebrews says he went out not knowing where he went, but by faith searched for a city whose builder and maker is God. The Israelites sojourned in the wilderness for forty years, until God deemed them ready to cross into the land of promise.</p> <p>Faith is a journey. Paul said that we walk by faith not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). David said that God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Our walk with Him is one of maturity and patience. God rarely propels us into ministries and callings without first equipping us for the journey ahead.</p> <p>Alexander the Great was a renowned leader. In fifteen years of leadership, he never lost a battle. In his time, he established the largest empire the world had ever seen. But there was one battle his army refused to face. During one of his exploits, he led his troops to the foothills of the Himalayan mountains. Just beyond lay the Khyber Pass and India. No maps had charted this land. The Greeks had taught that the world ended beyond that point. War-weary and frightened, his men were not willing to risk walking off the face of the earth. Because of this, Alexander had to turn back for home.<sup>10</sup></p> <p>In this Christian walk, will you have faith to march off your map? Will you be willing to step outside your comfort zone if the path God led you down is one that comes at a personal cost? God is greater general than Alexander. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Ps. 37:23, KJV).</p>	
<p><b>Prayer</b></p> <p>Ask God to prepare your steps to follow Him. Ask Him to order your steps to impact the Kingdom.</p>	

## 3. Daily Objectives

**Memorize** – The verses to be memorized for the day are given; on average, the Senior quizzer will learn between 4-5 verses per day

**Review Objectives** – You will quote the verses in order for 2 days following memorization then mixed using verse cards thereafter.

## Memorization

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## Review

**In Order:** Prov. 1:30-33; 2:1-4

**Mixed:** 1 Kings 3:5 – Prov. 1:29

## REVIEW FOLLOWING MEMORIZATION

These objectives will guide your review until you are working entirely from verse cards.

## OPTIONAL REVIEW EXERCISES

These exercises will aid your recall and increase your confidence to respond to specific types of questions.

## DISCIPLINES OF STUDY

This section provides effective study tips in the areas of Memorization, Review and Planning the study time.

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Within our walk with God, some of these cracks become our own. We never plan for brokenness. We only map out clear and straight lines. But then trials come our way, God has us take a different course, or we fail then suddenly, we find rough, jagged fissures appear in our perfect plans. Wisdom is yielding to something, or rather Someone, stronger than concrete, who redirects our steps. Often, scars from our old path remain. In time, these blemishes become testimonies to stay true to the course.

Additionally, it's hard to see very far down the sidewalks. The shadows of the tall trees filter out much of the light. As a result, it's difficult to make out all the imperfections that lay ahead on my path. Similar to our spiritual trek, God only gives us enough sight for today. His Word only gives us ample light for those next few steps. Wisdom is understanding that there is a path beyond these twisted, craggy places that become etched in our lives. Trials and mistakes won't end us, if we trust in the strength of those roots that go deep into the earth. The path will lead the way. God will order our steps. And, until He calls us home, we will just keep walking by faith.

Paths and trees – a place for our feet and direction for the way ahead. Maybe when you unravel the Proverbs to get to its core meaning, you discover the simplest, yet most profound, of truths: God leads, we follow.

# 1 KINGS 3, 4 & 10

## Origins of the Wise King Solomon

She came to Jerusalem with her retinue bearing treasurable gifts. She brought spices, gold, and precious stones unseen in times past. This Sabean queen, known to us as the Queen of Sheba and believed to be from present day Yemen, had heard rumors of the legendary Jewish king whose wisdom was surpassed by none other. Her goal? To prove the great king Solomon with hard questions.

What she found when she arrived far exceeded the tales she had heard of Solomon's achievements. Not only did he wisely answer all her questions, but she was overwhelmed by the organization and splendor of his court. Even his servants were finely dressed and well cared for.

All this grandeur and wisdom may not have been possible had Solomon not had a visitation by God in his dreams. True, Solomon was David's offspring, and David had carved a special place in God's heart because of his love for Him. God had promised that David's seed would be on the throne for all times. Yet, what drew God to Solomon's bedside was not David, but Solomon's grandiose sacrifices in Gibeon of 1,000 burnt offerings.

God promised to grant Solomon's desires. Above fortune, long life, and military might, Solomon asked for wisdom to lead God's people. As is the case with God in so many situations, He answers earnest prayers with divine extravagance. Not only would God also give Solomon what he didn't ask for, He would make Solomon the wisest man on earth. Because of this, Solomon is renowned for his astute sayings and practical proverbs.

Never underestimate the power of a single encounter with God. Long after we are gone, it can still leave ripples in time and history.

# Origins of the Wise King Solomon



## 1

### Positioned for a Miracle

#### Memorization

**1 Kings 3:5**

In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

**1 Kings 3:6**

And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

**1 Kings 3:7**

And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

**1 Kings 3:8**

And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

#### Review

**In Order:** None

**Mixed:** None

On a single day in Gibeon, Solomon offered a huge sacrifice of a thousand burnt offerings to God. That night, God appeared to him in a dream. Solomon was given an opportunity of a lifetime: God was ready to grant him whatever his heart desired.

Wouldn't it be awesome if God appeared to you and said He'd give you whatever you wanted? In fact, Jesus already did. John 15:7 records, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Here is the small print to that contract. We know from James that it is possible to ask amiss (James 4:3). How do overcome this? The clue is revealed in Solomon's response. His heart was fixed on following in David's footsteps. He wanted to be a king after God's own heart as his father. He wanted to lead God's people from a place of absolute obedience to God's commands. What can we learn from this? When our heart is right, our motivations are right. When our motivations are right, we align with God's will. Need an answer from God? Fall into step with His plan. Seek His kingdom first (Matthew 6:33). Only then can you be positioned for a miracle.

#### Prayer

Are you abiding in Him? Does God's word abide in you? Ask God to search your heart. Ask Him to imprint the wisdom within the verses that you will learn this year upon your heart.



## 2

### Prodigal Father

#### Memorization

**1 Kings 3:9**

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

**1 Kings 3:10**

And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

**1 Kings 3:11**

And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

**1 Kings 3:12**

Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

#### Review

**In Order:** 1 Kings 3:5-8

**Mixed:** None

One of Jesus' most recognizable parables, the Prodigal Son, is mentioned in Luke 15, the Bible's "lost and found" chapter. In this chapter, we read of a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son. Truly, when you examine the definition of prodigal – "spending money or resources freely and recklessly; wastefully extravagant" – it fits with what we know of the Prodigal Son. He spent his inheritance on riotous living. Eventually, lonely, impoverished, and without anyone to turn to, he made his way back to the father's house.

We know this. But did you know that there is another definition for the word prodigal? One which describes more the father than the son. The second meaning of the word is "having or giving something on a lavish scale."<sup>1</sup> When the son returned home, his father greeted him with opened arms. He placed a robe upon his shoulders and the signet ring upon his finger, a symbol of authority. If that was not enough, he threw an elaborate banquet in his honor for, as his father described, his son was believed dead, but had returned alive.

Two characters at extreme ends – one spent extravagantly and the other loved abundantly. The latter is a description of God. He lavishes His love on us. We don't deserve God's grace, yet He pours it out like rain. We serve a God we cannot out-love. He holds the greater love for us (John 15:13). He is not just our Heavenly Father. He is our Prodigal Father. He gives above and beyond what we can ask or imagine.

#### Prayer

We may never be able to love God more than He loves us, but we can love Him with all that is within us. Lavish Him with praise.



## 3

### It Depends

#### Memorization

**1 Kings 3:13**

And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

**1 Kings 3:14**

And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

**1 Kings 3:15**

And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

**1 Kings 4:29**

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

**1 Kings 4:30**

And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

#### Review

**In Order:** 1 Kings 3:5-12

**Mixed:** None

1 Kings 3:14 is evidence that some promises from God are conditional. In 1 John 1:9, forgiveness of sins follows confession; and in 2 Chronicles 7:14, healing follows seeking God with humility and through true repentance.

While God is a prodigal father, as we learned by His response to Solomon's request for wisdom, His favor does not come without some investment from us. We find in Paul's teachings that we are saved by grace through faith, not by works, lest we should take the credit (Ephesians 2:8-9). James follows up that faith without works is dead (James 2:20, 26). True faith compels us into action.

We are incapable of earning God's grace through any deeds that we can do. Jesus, as man, was the mediator between a holy God and sinful man. He brought about divine reconciliation through His sinless sacrifice. However, in our relationship with God there is a *seeking*, *following*, and *working* that is required of us to sustain our relationship with Him. Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8), but he still had to build an ark to save his family. Without these labors in faith, his family would have perished when the floods came.

Continually seek His face. Strive to be holy as God is holy. Do the work that God has equipped you to do.

#### Prayer

Ask God to give feet to your faith. Pray that He equips you for the work ahead.

# Origins of the Wise King Solomon



## 4

### Divine Attraction

#### Memorization

**1 Kings 10:1**

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

**1 Kings 10:2**

And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

**1 Kings 10:3**

And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

**1 Kings 10:4**

And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

#### Review

**In Order:** 1 Kings 3:5-15; 4:29-30

**Mixed:** None

Word of Solomon's wisdom had reached the ears of royalty in distant lands, as was the case with the queen of Sheba. When news reached her of his matchless wisdom, she sought the man who had attained God's favor.

We, like Solomon, are also children of His favor. God has bestowed on us His greatest gift – His Spirit living within us. We are sought out for our ability to pray and see miracles happen. We are a privileged folk, and we should be humble and thankful that God's favor rests upon us.

Are you the one that your non-believing friends turn to when they need prayer? Are you the light to your world that draws people to God? Are your words sprinkled with wisdom and peppered with hope?

Be all that God designed you to be. Be Christ to the world!

#### Prayer

With the Holy Ghost comes power to be His witness. Ask God to help you tap into the power to become a spiritual influence on your family, friends, school, and community.



## 5

### The Half Has Not Been Told

#### Memorization

**1 Kings 10:5**

And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

**1 Kings 10:6**

And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

**1 Kings 10:7**

Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

**1 Kings 10:8**

Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

**1 Kings 10:9**

Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

#### Review

**In Order:** 1 Kings 3:13-15; 4:29, 30; 10:1-4

**Mixed:** 1 Kings 3:5-12

The queen's reaction to Solomon's splendor and wisdom is not uncommon to what sinner's experience when they first encounter God's love. Peter describes this as joy unspeakable – or beyond words – and full of wonder (or glory) (1 Peter 1:8).

At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the American minister and songwriter Barney E. Warren, took inspiration from this verse when he wrote his popular hymn, "Joy Unspeakable." The chorus is a repetition of Peter's words, "It is joy unspeakable and full of glory." As if to put an exclamation mark to the unspeakable wonder of God's goodness and grace, Warren ends the chorus with these words, "Oh, the half has never yet been told".<sup>2</sup>

Paul describes the infilling of the Holy Ghost as the earnest of our inheritance (Eph. 1:14). It is merely a down payment, or a taste of God's unsearchable reward for those marked by His name. Truly, no words can describe the unfathomable riches of God's love toward us. If we are made speechless by what we know of God, imagine what it must be like when all He has in store is fully revealed. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him (1 Cor. 2:9, KJV).

#### Prayer

Are you still in awe of God's love? Reaffirm your love to Him.

# Disciplines of Study

Tips for an Effective Study Program

## Bible Quiz Study 101

The study required in Bible Quizzing is a big commitment. It takes time, consistency, a lot of work and patience. However, there are practical tips for effective studying. The following pages outline some fundamentals for developing Disciplines of Study in the areas of **memorization**, **review** and **planning**.

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