



## #5: Practical Wisdom

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### ABOUT THE SERIES

The captivating life of King Solomon shows that even the wisest can climb sky-high or hit rock bottom. This series delves into his story to help us see how the choices we make shape our journey and determine the direction our lives take.

### MESSAGE

Watch the sermon. As you watch, use the outline to follow along or take notes on anything that stands out to you.

### NOTES

What practical tips can the Bible give us on how to live wisely as it relates to the every day things we encounter, like what we decide to do or not do, to say or not say, to believe or not to believe? We take a look at King Solomon's experience in 1 Kings 3:16-28.

**Don't believe everything you hear. Fact check, remembering there may be another truth (v. 16-21)**

**Get to the heart of the issue, not allowing bias to color your judgment (v. 22-23)**

**Take time to understand people, their emotions, and their natural tendencies (v. 24-26)**

### REFLECT and DISCUSS

1. Take a few minutes to talk about the message. Which part do you particularly relate with?
2. What are the potential consequences of unquestioningly accepting information without verification? Can you share an example from your own experience where fact-checking saved you from making a wrong decision, or when *not* fact-checking got you in trouble?
3. In what ways can bias affect decision-making in your personal relationships, politics, or the school or workplace? How can you identify and moderate your own biases when evaluating information so that you can keep to the heart of an issue?
4. How can empathy contribute to better relationships? Share a situation where a deeper understanding of someone's emotions changed the dynamics of a conversation or relationship.

### PRAYER

Close your time together with prayer.