THE Story

Lesson 22 Chapter 13 The King who had it all p.175-192

1. As David neared the end of his life, he gave a charge to his son Solomon (p.176) What were his specific exhortations and how do these words reflect what David had learned from his personal choices in life?

2. God appeared to Solomon in a dream and asked him what he wanted. Why was Solomon's request for wisdom and discernment so pleasing to God?

How is wisdom different from mere knowledge and intellect?

Why is it vital to become wise?

3. As Solomon's wisdom grew, the Holy Spirit inspired him a collection of wise sayings. Pages 179-183 are taken from the book of Proverbs. Based on the opening verses of Proverbs on p. 179, what is the purpose and value of the proverbs and why are they needed just as much today as in Solomon's day?

Based on the proverbs quoted, what do they teach us about...

fearing God?

God honoring relationships?

how to handle our finances wisely?

how we use our words?

4. On pages 183-185 we read about the construction of the temple. What facts stand out in your mind relating to **how** he built it and **why** he built it?

5. As the temple was dedicated (pages 185-188), how did God's presence show up?

Solomon then prayed and spoke to the people of Israel. What does he ask for himself and for his people?

6. After Solomon's prayer and charge to the people, God spoke to Solomon (pages 188-189) What promises did God make that would give both hope and a sober awareness of their need to follow God closely?

7. Pages 189-191 record for us a visit by the queen of Sheba. What is amazing about her belief in the reason for Solomon's success?

8. Solomon was outwardly at the height of his power, wealth and fame. (pages 190-192) But what was going on within his heart in respect to his affections and his relationship to God?

What was God's chief charge against him?

10. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace