

# 1 Kings 4:1-34

## Wise Up: Get Organized and Get Out of God's Way

### The Organization of the Nation through Solomon v1-19

Solomon realized it was not possible for him to have hands on control of every single good/necessary thing needed for a stable society. Therefore, he placed qualified and responsible people under him to lead/operate specific aspects of his government.

#### General Principle Wise Up and Wisely Delegate:

Delegation is necessary not just for Kings but for the rest of us too. None of us have infinite abilities/skills, physical strength/stamina...and we are not under any moral obligation to do everything everyone around us, asks/wants us to do. We see this principle lived out by Moses (Exodus 18:13-27); the Apostles (Acts 6:1-6); and our Lord Jesus Himself (Luke 4:42-44).

#### One Specific Way I Suggest You Think about Wise Delegation:

There are some things in life you and I

1: simply have to do (the LORD, family/job, church plus x, y, z)

2: want to do/enjoy doing (coaching sports teams, being a LINK One Mentor)

3: are willing to do/would enjoy doing but if we do them, we...

...won't have the time/energy we need to do 1 and 2 well and by not doing them, we can see God working through others to do them as we pray for and encourage them!

### The Blessing of the Nation Israel through Solomon v20-28

The nation prospered in population, influence and power during Solomon's reign, in fact during this period Israel enjoyed its greatest period of prosperity, peace and international influence.

### The Blessing of the World Then and Now through Solomon v29-34

Solomon was supernaturally given wisdom from God (Ch 3). Over time this wisdom became even greater and its expression was a blessing far beyond the borders of his country/his time.

## Take This To Heart

1: Get organized and be active consistent with wise/godly priorities

2: Get rid of false guilt motivating you to bad-good works that either rob you of the time, and resources you should guard for things you must do/things you enjoy doing OR which get in the way of others receiving the blessing they could/should obtain by they themselves getting organized and active consistent with wise/godly priorities.