

The Offer of a Wish

When offered one wish, Midas, a legendary Phrygian king, asked that all he touched might turn to gold. His golden desire granted, Midas realized as soon as he wanted to eat that the gift was a curse, not a blessing. Although he got what he wanted, he didn't want what he got.

King Solomon also was offered one wish. But he did not waste it on a selfish, greedy request. Instead, he asked for wisdom that he might judge God's people justly. In requesting wisdom above riches, Solomon revealed right reasons for wanting to be wise. He asked not for his own benefit.

Wise people know how to learn; they never seek knowledge for their own sakes. They know how to talk; they speak the truth in love. They know how to act; they pursue justice to evade evil. They balance their words and actions.

They say and do the right things at the right time for the right reasons.

God promises us His wisdom if we but ask for it, and that should be our prayer to begin each new day.

--Beecher Hunter