



If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5

LIFEHACKS #5 – WISDOM

If you could ask for anything in this world, what would it be? If God came and gave you that option and didn't narrow it down even a little bit, what would you ask for?

A young man had that option. He had just been given a gigantic task and God gave him that option. "Do you want money? Do you want long life? Do you want your enemies to be obliterated? Ask for anything and I'll give it to you." But the young man didn't ask for any of those things. He asked for wisdom. The young man's name was Solomon, the wisest of the wise.

Solomon asked for wisdom because he looked at who he was and what his job was and thought, "Who can do this? I'm just a child. And God, you're asking me to rule this great nation." Solomon was overwhelmed by the task and the job in front of him. He wanted wisdom from God to do it well.

So often we're overwhelmed by situations in front of us. We're overwhelmed by the task. We're overwhelmed by the situation. Fill in the blank for yourself. "I'm overwhelmed by _____."

It's easy to fill in the blank for God too: "God, I need you to do _____ for me." But if we're filling in the blanks for God, who has become the god?

Solomon knew that he didn't need to fill in the blank for God. He needed God to fill in the blank for him. He needed wisdom from God so that he could know which way to turn, whether right or left. He needed wisdom from God so that he could know what decisions to make.

That's the secret. That's the key. We don't need to fill in the blank for God and tell him what needs to happen. We need God to fill in the blank for us so that we know which way to turn, what decisions to make, what to do. We need God to give us wisdom.

So do it. Ask God for wisdom and he'll fill in the blanks for you.

PRAYER:

Lord God, I need help. I need your help with decisions. I need your help with challenges. I need your help with direction. So much this year and in my life depends on it. Give me wisdom from your Holy Spirit so I know what direction to go and what it is you want me to do. Amen.