

WISDOM OF GOD

- Submit to God's _____
- Obey God's _____
- Make _____

Today I want to start some lessons on that third statement. We are to make wise decisions. Where there is no command from God in Scripture, we have the freedom and the responsibility to make wise decisions.

I. Some _____ examples

A. Old Testament instructions of _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B. Old Testament _____

1. _____—Exodus 18
 - a. Chose _____ men
 - b. Made them _____ over groups of various sizes
 - c. Moses handled only the most _____ cases
2. _____—II Samuel 15—18
 - a. Absalom had _____ and tried to become King
 - b. David was faced with _____ against his own son
 - c. David decided to _____ personally
 - d. His generals _____

3. The _____ of Solomon I Kings 3:16
 - a. Two prostitutes argue over a _____
 - b. The _____ is brought to Solomon
 - c. Solomon makes a _____

II. _____ in the New Testament

- A. The _____ of Jesus
 1. _____—Wise and foolish house builders
 2. _____—Counting the cost requires wisdom
 - a. Building a large building requires _____
 - b. Wise _____ is required in preparation for battle
 3. _____—The ten virgins
 4. _____—Wise as serpents
- B. The wisdom of the _____
 1. _____—It seemed good to us.
 2. *Phronimos* in _____
 - a. _____—stayed in jail rather than take the opportunity to escape after the earthquake
 - b. _____-Paul's confrontation of Roman officials who had allowed him and Silas to be beaten
 - c. _____—Paul uses Aramaic with the Jewish crowd
 - d. _____—Paul's common sense told him to identify himself as a Pharisee

e. _____—We thought it best.....

f. _____—I thought it was necessary

III. Summary

A. The Old Testament teaches _____ by its Wisdom books and examples of wise men.

B. Jesus commanded His servants to be _____ and harmless as doves.

C. The apostles _____ in their decision making.