



CAPITOL COMMISSION™

This Week's #1 Request

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This past Tuesday as most of you were participating in the opening of the new legislative session, a small band of men and women were tucked away in a small corner conference room praying for you. Several of you even stopped by and requested specific prayer. All who came in shared one major request. You asked us to pray that God would grant you Wisdom as you approached your duties.

This begs at least three questions with answers:

1. What is Wisdom? Wisdom is properly applied knowledge. It is providing solutions based on facts and evidence rather than emotion or opinion. It was said of the men of the tribe of Issachar in I Chronicles 12:32 that these were “men who understood the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command.” You are being counted on to make wise, even Godly decisions. You are being counted on to know what to do that is best for the people of Minnesota. Be courageous. Employ wisdom.
2. Where does Wisdom come from? In I Kings 10:24 we read that “the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, *which God had put into his mind*” (emphasis mine). The Bible says that Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived. His wisdom was not from an academic degree. It did not come from the School of Hard Knocks. The Bible says that Solomon’s wisdom came from the God of the Universe. So, if there is a God (and there is); if He is all wise (and by definition He is), then all true wisdom finds its beginning in Him. God alone is the Source of Wisdom.
3. How do we get Wisdom for ourselves? We ask God for it. The Bible says, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, Who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind” (James 1:5-6). The same God who granted Wisdom to Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, makes His Wisdom available to each of us as well.

You asked us to pray that God would grant you Wisdom. We did pray for you, for all of you, that you would be granted Wisdom from God above. However, do you *really* want it? Then go to God in all humility and sincerity, with faith and without doubt. You just might be surprised at how God shows up and gives you the Wisdom you want and need.