

# GOD'S PLAN

## SOLOMON: "THE KINGDOM BUILDER" WHAT IT TAKES TO "MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

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**1 Kings 6:1,37,38** — In the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, the second month, he began to build the temple of the LORD.

<sup>37</sup> The foundation of the temple of the LORD was laid in the fourth year, in the month of Ziv.

<sup>38</sup> In the eleventh year in the month of Bul, the eighth month, the temple was finished in all its details according to its specifications. He had spent seven years building it.

### Solomon listened to his father's INSTRUCTIONS

**1 Kings 2:1-4** — When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.

<sup>2</sup> "I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, act like a man, <sup>3</sup> and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go <sup>4</sup> and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.'

*"When Youth is Lost,  
May Wisdom Prove Enough"*

WINSTON CHURCHILL

### Solomon had to clean up some of his Father's messes before he could really FUNCTION POWERFULLY.

**1 Kings 2:5,6** — <sup>5</sup> "Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me—what he did to the two commanders of Israel's armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood he stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet.

<sup>6</sup> Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.

**2 Corinthians 2:14** *The Message* — In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade.

### Solomon asked God for WISDOM

**1 Kings 3:7-9** — "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup> Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup> So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

Always ASK God for what you NEED and he will also give you what you WANT.