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Bible Study

*"...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which
are able to make thee wise unto salvation..."*
(2 Tim. 3:15)



Wise Leadership

{1 Kings 3:16-28}

Shortly after Soloman ascended to the throne God granted him with divine wisdom to be a better leader for His people. It didn't take long before that wisdom was put to the test regarding two harlot mothers and a dead child. He was able to use a unique strategy to determine who the real mother was and quickly get to the truth of the situation. As leaders we will often be put into circumstances that will require us to lean on God for wisdom in order to have a positive outcome.

1 Kings 3:16-21) *"Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. (*) And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. (*) And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. (*) And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. (*) And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. (*) And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear."*

- These two women were harlots; one of them smothered her baby in their sleep; the child died; and the dead body was switched with the living baby.
- These facts help us see the character of the women that Soloman is dealing with. They are actually no worse than any of us because even though we may not have this sin, we still have some sin. {Rom. 3:23; Jn. 8:7}
- Although they were entangled in this sin they still had access to stand before the king which is exactly how the Lord treats us. {Is. 1:18; Matt. 11:28-30}

