♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, September 13, 2015

"DOES LIFE HAVE A PURPOSE?"

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Today we begin the seven week journey, *Explore God*. We'll focus on seven common God-questions. We'll find some solid God-answers. This morning we start with a foundational question.

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"Ask what I shall give you?" (1 Kings 3:5, ESV).

"The wisdom of God was in him to do justice", (1 Kings 3:28, ESV).

"He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and did not wholly follow the Lord, as David his father had done" (1 Kings 11:3-6, ESV).

1. FEAR GOD

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10, ESV).

2. KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

- 1. TOO SMART to think about God (Eccl. 1:12-18).
- 2. TOO **YOUNG** to think about God (Eccl. 12:1).

- 3. TOO BUSY to think about God (Eccl. 2:17-18).
- 4. TOO SUCCESSFUL to think about God (Eccl. 5:10-15).
- 5. TOO HAPPY to think about God (Eccl. 2:1, 10-11).
- 6. TOO <u>LATE</u> to think about God (Ecclesiastes 9:1-6).