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I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 (NLT)

¹⁰ Then David died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David.

¹¹ David had reigned over Israel for forty years, seven of them in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem.

¹² Solomon became king and sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.

³ Solomon loved the LORD and followed all the decrees of his father, David, except that Solomon, too, offered sacrifices and burned incense at the local places of worship.

⁴ The most important of these places of worship was at Gibeon, so the king went there and sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings.

⁵ That night the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!"

⁶ Solomon replied, "You showed great and faithful love to your servant my father, David, because he was honest and true and faithful to you. And you have continued to show this great and faithful love to him today by giving him a son to sit on his throne.

⁷ "Now, O LORD my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around.

⁸ And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted!

⁹ Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom.

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¹¹ So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies—

¹² I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have!

¹³ And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life!

¹⁴ And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life."

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NLT)

Living by the Spirit's Power

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.

¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalm 111

John 6:51-58



CHURCH SERVICES

25 August NO SERVICE

31 August 2pm **City Church ~**

Induction of Rev Sam Sadrata

1 September 11am **Southside ~**

Combined Service lunch





IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beulah, and also Ashley, her grandson, and his wife Claire who has been in hospital for over 3 months.
- We pray for people who are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- We give thanks for the kindness of friends.
- We pray for the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and Myanmar, where war kills and harms so many people.
- We pray for free and fair elections in Bangladesh.
- We pray for Evelyn's niece Hilary, who is in hospital - and also for her family.

Meg's Musings

The news has been amazing!

Australia has amassed 18 gold medals and 54 medals overall at the Paris Olympic Games. That put us in fourth place on the medal tally, and was certainly a wonderful effort from our athletes.

People are pleased to acknowledge such extraordinary sporting prowess.

Yet, do we remember to acknowledge the more "everyday" wonders that we see?

People around us are kind, generous and caring. Do we remember to say, "Well done", or "thank-you" often enough?

Are we sufficiently encouraging, so that people feel that their efforts are worthwhile?

We don't do good deeds to be noticed, or rewarded - but it can be a great encouragement to others if they realise what a difference their help has made.

Blessings from Meg



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Cuppa & chat always available.



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Our goal: **"To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."**

Mission: **"Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."**

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Words from Rev Geoff -

A Word to the Wise

In this season after Pentecost, in the first selection for the Hebrew Scriptures we have followed the rise of the Kings of Israel, from Saul to David, and now to Solomon. Solomon seeks to follow God's ways, and when God asks Solomon what gift Solomon would like to receive from God, he replies with "an understanding mind." Solomon knows the task is great—his father united a divided people, and he wants to be able to rule wisely, to discern between good and evil. God is pleased with Solomon's answer, and not only gives him what he asked for, but also give him riches and honour, so that no other king can compete with him.

Psalm 111 concludes with teaching point that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Fear is a harsh word—and the reason it is used is that God is the God of all creation, mighty and powerful, the one who holds our lives in hand. There is fear, but also this awe-inspiring nature of God, who is beyond our understanding. Holding that tension of awe and fear is what grounds us into living God's ways. Because without the fear of God, we seek our own ways, our own satisfaction, and come up empty. But for Solomon, seeking God's wisdom showed that he understood who God was and what his place was as an earthly ruler. For the early church, seeking God's wisdom showed them how to live their lives as a minority religious group under oppression. Seeking God's wisdom leads us into the way of life, rather than the ways of this world.

The Epistle reading continues in Ephesians with 5:15-20. Continuing with the theme found in our other readings, this portion of the letter focuses on wise living, being filled with the Spirit rather than the ways of this world, seeking God rather than the fleeting pleasures around us. The writer calls upon the listener to give thanks and praise to God, who has given us everything.

When I was a boy, my grandfather used to say that you can't put a wise head on a young body. Now that I have an older body these readings remind me that the wise can never sit back and assume that their wisdom is complete.

Reverend Geoff



A little consideration a little thought for others makes all the difference. ~ Eeyore



Waiting in line to pay for groceries while maintaining a 6ft distance, this man cut in line.

He didn't appear to notice what he'd done.

The person he skipped didn't say anything, just maintained the proper distance.

When it was time for the man to pay he reached in his back pocket and pulled out a small note pad. He'd forgotten his wallet.

He looked a bit disappointed and embarrassed. The person he skipped stepped up and told the cashier they'd take care of his groceries. (Which only consisted of Milk and Chocolate Chip Cookies.)

He was more than grateful. He kindly thanked them and off the man went. Upon arrival to the register, the cashier asked: "He cut you off and you paid for his groceries.. Why??"

"They calmly replied with a smile: "I hope that if one day my Dad forgets his wallet, someone will step up and buy his Milk and Cookies"

With all the negativity going on in the world - a little kindness goes a long way. Why not pay it forward? ~ unknown

When you are strong on the inside, you can afford to be soft on the outside, for there is no need to prove what already exists within. ~ Buddha

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. ~ anon

"This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise.

We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on.

This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified." ~ Martin Luther

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey ..

I asked for health, that I might do great things.

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things ...

I asked for riches, that I might be happy.

I was given poverty, that I might be wise
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God ...

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things ...

I got nothing I asked for—but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among men, most richly blessed" ~ anon

Singing Group - West Tamworth
2nd & 4th Monday 10am
Followed by a cuppa and a chat.....

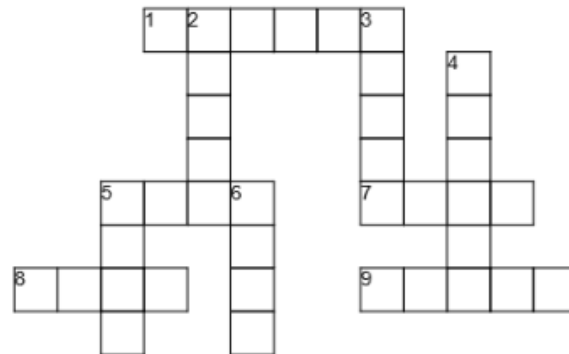




O Be Careful!

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Ephesians 5:15-20.



ACROSS

1. To express appreciation for something
5. Having good judgement or common sense
7. To make music with the voice
8. A drink made from fruit, especially grapes
9. Beautiful sounds made by the voice or instruments

DOWN

2. Songs of praise to God
3. A short musical composition with words
4. To express appreciation for something
5. A drink made from fruit, especially grapes
6. Something that causes great harm

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J N F K C L H Z S J G H U C W
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SONGS
MUSIC
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CAREFUL
DAYS
PSALMS

WINE
HYMNS
THANKS

HEART
LIVE
SPIRIT

EVIL
DRUNK
WISE

~ Sermons 4 Kids

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