

## Discussion Questions for “Overlooked Wisdom: Warning Graciously”

1 Kings 9:1-10:29 (Reading: 9:1-9), Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Sermon Outline

God warns King Solomon (9:6-9).

Why Solomon needed God’s warning:

- His half-heartedness (9:10-14).
- His lingering compromise (9:24).
- His flagrant disobedience (10:14-29).

Why God’s warnings are gracious:

- They alert us to the danger of sin (9:7-9).
- They protect our faith (9:6).
- They’re patiently repeated (9:6-9).
- They’re accompanied by a commitment to forgiveness (9:1-5).
- They turn us to Jesus (10:1-13).

### Sermon Questions

1. Why does someone *who’s doing well* – like Solomon in chapters 3-8 of 1 Kings – *still need warnings from God* – like in 1 Kings 9:6-9?
2. How can we cultivate *whole-heartedness* instead of *half-heartedness* in our faith?
3. Let’s think about *compromise*:
  - a. What excuses do we tend to make in order to excuse it?
  - b. Why are we sometimes blind to it?
  - c. How can we fight it?
4. Compare 1 Kings 10:14-29 with Deuteronomy 17:14-17.
  - a. Why would a man like Solomon *flagrantly disobey* God?
  - b. Why do *we* do the same, at times?
  - c. How might these *diagnoses* help us learn to *resist* such flagrant disobedience?

(Questions continue on next page.)

5. Today's message highlighted *five reasons that God's warnings are gracious*:
  - a. Which stood out to you the most? Why so?
  - b. Think about a specific time that God warned *you* through opening His Word at church, in your LIFE Group, or on your own. Why was *that* warning gracious?
6. Is there a way that God is warning you right now?
7. Compare 1 Kings 10:1-13 with Matthew 12:38-42:
  - a. What lesson is Jesus drawing from 1 Kings?
  - b. How does this lesson impact you, personally?
8. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?