

# 2 Chronicles 1:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

## Analysis

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God's generous response: 'Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.' God gives what Solomon requested (wisdom/knowledge) plus what he didn't request (riches/wealth/honor). This demonstrates the principle that seeking God's priorities first results in additional blessings (Matthew 6:33). The unprecedented nature ('none before... none after') of Solomon's wealth points typologically to Christ, who possesses all wisdom and before whom all riches pale. This also warns that abundance can become temptation, as Solomon later demonstrated.

## Historical Context

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Solomon's reign (c. 970-930 BCE) fulfilled this promise - his wisdom and wealth became legendary (1 Kings 10:23). Archaeological evidence confirms tenth-century trade networks and building projects consistent with extraordinary prosperity. Yet this abundance contributed to his later downfall through accumulation violating Deuteronomy 17:16-17.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does trusting God to add 'all these things' free you from anxious pursuit of material security?
2. What warnings from Solomon's life about prosperity and its spiritual dangers do you need to heed?

## Interlinear Text

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וְכָבוֹד	וְנֶכֶס יִם	וְעַל שָׁר	לָךְ	אֶתֶּן	וְהִמְדָּ ע	הַחֲכָמָה
and honour	and wealth	thee riches	H0	is granted	and knowledge	Wisdom
H3519	H5233	H6239		H5414	H4093	H2451
אֶשֶׁר	לְמַלְכִּים	כִּי	הֵיאָה	לֹא	אֶשֶׁר רָו	לָךְ
H834	such as none of the kings	H3651	H1961	H3808	H834	H0
	H4428					H5414
כֵּן	יְהִיָּה	לֹא	וְאַחֲרָיִךְ	לִפְנֵי יְיָ		
H3651	H1961	H3808	thee neither shall there any after	have had that have been before		
			H310	H6440		

## Additional Cross-References

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**James 1:5** (Parallel theme): If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

**2 Chronicles 9:22** (Kingdom): And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

**Matthew 6:33** (Kingdom): But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Ephesians 3:20** (Parallel theme): Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

**1 Chronicles 29:25** (Kingdom): And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

**Ecclesiastes 2:9** (Parallel theme): So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

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