



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Godly and Wise Leadership

1 Kings 3:5-12

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

1 Kings 3:9

The focus scripture is the story of King Solomon of Israel and his prayer for wisdom to lead. He prayed for the ability to know right from wrong, to know the difference between good and evil. These days, there is a lot of talk about leaders who do not seem to know right from wrong. We talk about governments that treat some people differently from others—even treating some unfair and putting some in danger.

Recently, we have heard of the deaths of leaders from the Civil Rights Movement in the USA. These elders were young adults at the time (the 1960s) who were working for the true freedom and justice of those who were not being treated fairly. They were not kings of nations; but, Representative John Lewis and Rev. C.T. Vivian were wise and Godly leaders because they led by a *love ethic*—they knew right from wrong and they worked peacefully against evil practices for the good of everyone.

We all can prayer for the wisdom to know right from wrong.

We all can work peacefully for the good of all people.

Prayer: God, give me the ability to know good from evil and to lead in the ways you want me to—in peace for the good of all those whom you love. You love us all. In the name of Jesus, I pray, AMEN.

How will you lead in peace and justice?

Learn more about the life of US Representative of John Lewis:

Videos:

John Lewis: Civil Rights Leader | Fun Facts for Students:

<https://youtu.be/V92wuGnFxK0>

John Lewis' Speech at the March on Washington: <https://youtu.be/tFs1eTsokJg>

Books by or about John Lewis:

Teens:



Children:

