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There are teachings that inform the mind, and there are teachings that recalibrate the heart. This manuscript belongs firmly in the latter category.

Solomon's Leadership Model (Part 1) opens a layered conversation on leadership, succession, spiritual authority, and the unseen foundations that shape lasting influence. What we encounter here is not merely a study of Solomon as a historical figure, but a deep unveiling of how divine wisdom is transmitted, preserved, and sometimes lost across generations.

This manuscript also presses into the uncomfortable but necessary truths of ministry life—association, influence, and spiritual contamination. It reminds the reader that destiny is often not derailed by dramatic rebellion, but by subtle companionships, misaligned alliances, and unchecked influences that slowly redefine direction.

Yet, beyond warning, this teaching elevates the reader into a higher understanding of kingdom leadership. It reveals that true wisdom is not intellectual accumulation but spiritual submission; not ambition-driven advancement, but God-aligned stewardship. The posture of Solomon—"I am but a little child"—becomes the doorway to divine instruction, and ultimately, divine endorsement.

As you engage this work, you are not merely reading about Solomon. You are being invited into the architecture of leadership as God designed it: built on honour, sustained by humility, strengthened by wisdom, and preserved through obedience.

— Wisdom Epsi
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Introduction

Solomon's model of leadership reveals one of the greatest leaders that God raised in the nation of Israel.

But a lot of what created success for Solomon was actually rooted in David's wisdom. When you look at society today—and what is driving so much desolation—you begin to realise that people often think they are reasoning correctly, yet they are not. Sometimes, the issues are not just in the world, but even within the Church.

Understanding the Direction of Last-Day Leadership

Let me read two Scriptures concerning the last-days move of God and what the Lord is trying to bring forth.

There are many things contained in it, but I want to focus on one component: the new leadership that is rising must understand where it is headed.

You are not called to repeat history.

You are called to bring a kind of ministry that will move the Church—and move the city—in the direction God is going.

A Man After God's Heart

This is one reason God loved David: he was a man after God's own heart.

That means it is not about what is in David's heart, but what is in God's heart.

If you are going to do what is in God's heart, then you must constantly inquire from Him.

You cannot assume you know.

For example, if I put someone as CEO over a company I built, that person is expected to run it according to my heart, not his own.

So his first attitude must be constant inquiry.

The Error of Misplaced Leadership Direction

One of the first things to learn about Solomon's leadership model is this:
never try to lead your fathers.

Do not attempt to lead your leaders.

There is a spirit that operates when people begin to do this—they end up following their followers instead of following proper authority.

The Spirit of Rebellion in Leadership

This is exactly what happened with Aaron when he made the golden calf. He was placed under instruction, yet he yielded to the people. He followed the crowd instead of following God. That is the spirit that causes leaders to please people while disobeying God.

It is rebellion in disguise.

A Generation That Must Not Repeat History

We must not allow this generation to repeat the same mistakes. Some begin to think they know more than those who trained them. But Solomon himself—whom God made the wisest and richest king—continually referred to David as “my father.”

Even in his wisdom, he acknowledged authority and lineage.

Solomon's Principle

Solomon's strength was not accidental. It was built on foundational principles passed down to him. Many people assume Solomon only received wisdom when God appeared to him in Gibeon. But the truth is that David had already trained him on what to desire.

The Power of Instruction

Solomon learned that instruction shapes destiny.

David taught him the value of wisdom and understanding.

This is why when God asked Solomon what he wanted, he was already primed in his heart.

He did not arrive at wisdom by accident—he had been trained into it.

Proverbs—The Foundation Of Wisdom

“Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father...” (Proverbs 4:1)

Solomon is here transmitting what he himself received.

He is speaking as a son who was taught.

Even though he became the wisest man on earth, he still leaned on the wisdom of the fathers.

He said, “I was my father's son... he taught me also.”

The Chain of Wisdom Transmission

David taught Solomon.

And Solomon received from David the discipline of instruction:

- “Let thine heart retain my words”
- “Keep my commandments, and live”

This was not just spiritual instruction—it was life formation.

The Principle of Submission in Growth

Even the Son of God, Jesus Christ, grew in wisdom.

He was not released fully formed into ministry.

He was trained under authority—first in the home, then in structured environments.

Growth always follows submission.

The Spirit Of Wisdom

Wisdom is not just intelligence.

It is a spiritual operation.

It is a system that requires input before output.

Like a machine that grinds grain, wisdom processes what is placed into it.

If nothing is fed into it, nothing comes out of it.

That is why learning is continuous.

Wisdom Requires Input

You can carry the spirit of wisdom and still remain empty if you refuse learning.

Wisdom does not eliminate training—it amplifies it.

It gives understanding and application, but you must still be taught.

Get Wisdom

Solomon’s model is built on one instruction: *“Get wisdom, get understanding.”*

This was David’s counsel to him. Wisdom is not optional—it is foundational.

The Value of Continuous Learning

This is why diligence in study and training is essential. A man who refuses to learn will eventually repeat failure. Many systems collapse because they were built on ignorance.

Get Understanding

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” (Hosea 4:6)

Ignorance destroys destiny. It destroys businesses, ministries, and generations.

The Danger of Ignorance

A generation that refuses learning will eventually suffer loss in every area. Even success without knowledge cannot be sustained.

What is not understood will eventually be lost.

Wisdom And Humility

Wisdom without meekness becomes dangerous. Jesus said, *“I am meek and lowly in heart.”*

That is the posture that sustains wisdom. Pride is the greatest enemy of instruction.

The Barrier to Wisdom

The spirit of pride rejects correction. It refuses instruction. And where correction is rejected, destruction becomes inevitable. In these last days, we will see a demonstration of God’s power like never before. We will also see the manifestation of His nature—love, integrity, and righteousness.

But beyond that, we will see the wisdom of God revealed. There will be innovations and solutions coming from unexpected places. God will raise men and women who carry divine intelligence. But this will require humility, learning, and submission.

Strategic Partnership

Solomon understood strategic partnership. He aligned with people who had what he needed to build. Without partnerships, vision remains limited.

The Power of Alignment

David had already established alliances. Solomon continued in them and expanded them. Through this, resources flowed into his assignment. However, wrong alliances eventually became a weakness in his later years. You need strategic partnerships—whether in church or in ministry, including the pastors that are coming alongside you. Watch carefully what is being built.

A healthy ministry is not sustained by one man’s strength. It is carried by alignment.

The Power of Brotherhood and Shared Strength

In ministry, you must understand how God structures leadership through gifts and diversity.

Different strengths must come together in one body. You cannot become what you are not called to become. Authenticity is important in ministry.

Timing and Seasons in Ministry Growth

You must understand seasons and timing. There are moments when certain ministries are needed more than others. There are times when evangelistic grace must be released strongly. If you fail to understand timing, you will limit the work of God to your own capacity. The Church is not built by one man's resources.

It is built by the alignment of ministry gifts. And if this is true for the Church, how much more for society?

Solomon understood this principle deeply.

The Danger of Crossing Divine Boundaries

Solomon built powerful alliances and strategic partnerships. But there were boundaries God set that he crossed. And eventually, those boundaries began to cross him.

What was meant to help him later contributed to his downfall.

Ministry Associations

Stay away from Gehazi-type influences in ministry.

Be careful who you associate with.

When you walk closely with people, their spirit gradually becomes your spirit.

Contagion of Spiritual Influence

Sin is like Ebola—it is contagious. “He that walks with a wise man shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”

This is not symbolic—it is spiritual reality.

The Danger of Ungodly Associations

When you begin to associate with the wrong people, their counsel slowly enters your system. At first, it looks harmless.

But when pressure comes, what is inside you will surface.

The Direction of Influence Determines Destiny

A man’s future can often be traced through his associations. Tell me who your friends are, and I can tell you the direction of your life.

It may not look obvious now, but it is already forming.

The Law of Spiritual Growth

Every tree grows in two directions:

- Downward (root system, hidden foundation)
- Upward (visible fruit and expression)

Before anything rises, it must first go deep. Foundation always comes first.

Foundation And Separation

Some people say, “*We will take counsel, but not from God.*”

They walk in their own understanding and strengthen themselves in wrong alliances.

This leads to increasing error.

The Danger of Egypt-Type Dependence

Many run to Egypt for strength.

But what begins as help can become bondage.

What you depend on will eventually define you.

The Pattern of Misaligned Help

There are relationships that look supportive but are spiritually misaligned. Over time, they shape direction. And when leadership is misaligned, destiny is distorted. There are men and women God will raise in business, ministry, and politics.

But they must guard their associations. Because influence is never neutral.

Sacrifice

Solomon loved the Lord and offered sacrifices. He gave a thousand burnt offerings. This principle is important: sacrifice precedes elevation.

The Principle of Value Exchange

Sacrifice is the giving up of something valuable in exchange for something greater.

That is the principle that opens the door to divine trust.

David's Example of Sacrifice

David took sacrifice to another level. When bringing the Ark, he worshipped with abandon. He understood the value of honouring God with substance.

True Riches Are Not Money

True riches include:

- Wisdom
- Honour
- Power
- Glory
- Wealth

These are spiritual deposits, not just financial assets.

Sacrifice and Divine Exaltation

Jesus Himself was exalted after sacrifice.

Because He was slain, He received power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory, and blessing.

Sacrifice is the pathway to divine lifting.

Solomon's Offering

Solomon offered sacrifices at Gibeon.

He gave unto God with intensity and consistency.

And that became the foundation for divine encounter.

The Principle Behind Solomon's Offering

Before God trusts a man with durable wealth, He tests him with sacrifice.

Sacrifice is proof of spiritual maturity.

It shows value alignment with God.

David's Legacy of Sacrifice

David's giving was extraordinary.

He gave resources beyond imagination for the house of God.

This shaped Solomon's understanding of worship and honour.

The Response of Heaven

After sacrifice, God appeared to Solomon.

And God said, "*Ask what I shall give thee.*"

Sacrifice opens divine dialogue.

The Posture of Solomon's Heart

Solomon responded by honouring David.

He consistently referred to him as "my father."

This revealed humility and generational honour.

Solomon's Meekness

Solomon said, *"I am but a little child."*

Even while he was already king, he remained teachable before God.

That is meekness.

The Spirit of Humility Before God

He confessed that he did not know how to lead. He asked for wisdom and understanding. This is the posture that attracts divine help.

God dwells in the high and lofty place. But He also dwells with the meek and contrite heart. Humility is what draws divine presence.

Meekness is:

- Being teachable
- Being correctable
- Being guidable
- Being moldable

A hardened heart cannot receive divine instruction.

Solomon asked for an understanding heart. He wanted the ability to discern between good and evil. This request pleased God deeply.

What God Honoured in Solomon's Request

God said Solomon did not ask for:

- Long life
- Riches
- The life of his enemies

Instead, he asked for wisdom to lead God's people.

The Principle of Selfless Desire

Solomon was not seeking personal greatness. He was seeking the ability to represent God well. This is the heart that attracts divine elevation.

The Key to Divine Exaltation

God exalts men who are not focused on themselves. When a man does not care who gets the credit, God entrusts him with more. Because such a man will not steal glory from God.



About the Speaker

Pastor David Ogbueli is a respected Christian leader, teacher, and visionary whose ministry has impacted countless lives through sound biblical teaching, leadership development, discipleship, and humanitarian service.

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