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An Understanding Heart. 1 Kings 3:9.

Solomon's Prayer - Craves insight
- mindful of obligation
- Conscious of his own weakness
- humbled by power entrusted to him
- Knows the Supreme Source of Wisdom

Our day -
- new possibilities for irritation -
- our ignorance of facts in any one field -
- Can't Know motives - yearnings - handicaps
- Priority #1 for Pastors - Teachers - parents -
  - Get at the facts - causes - -
  - Tear down barriers -
  - Transform enmities into friendships

Ability to see life thru eyes of people whose background, condition + pt. of view is different

Know
- questions that perplex
- burdens " oppress
- fears " paralyze

Seat in Grandstand

Capacity to identify myself with {thought / emotions / needs} of others is one condition of service to others.

Mary Slessor - Calibar
Moses -
J. Addams -
Walt. Rauschenbush - → Albert Schweitzer.
Dan Crawford - → Grenfel -
→ Ezekiel -

- The fraternity of the friendly
- The fellowship of the faithful
- The Knights of the Understanding Heart

Jesus - "He knew what was in man".
"The common people heard him gladly."
Would they know God? Think of HOME - FATHER.
" " learn basic principles
of social relationships? Golden Rule. (They understood it.)
" " get def.n of true neighborliness? Samaritan
" " Know law of tithe? Picture of Poor woman.
" " Know & understand Divine Love?
Gripping story of wayward boy - finding
a father's kiss & welcome - They understood that.

They { trusted / loved / followed } him because He understood them
His understanding came from His complete identification with them.

His LOWLY BIRTH -
Carpenter Shop -
Village Church at N -
Modest Home
Baptism in J -
Temptation -
Tears at grave -
Presence at wedding -
Weariness at end of day -
Assoc.n with Sinners -
Strength he found in prayer
Night vigil in Gethsemane
Pain of loneliness -
Delight in little Children -
Care of His mother -
Joy in life -
Death & agony on Cross -

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Solomon's Prayer 2nd B 12/46

Mindful of obligation –
Conscious of weakness –
Humbled by power entrusted –
aware of Supreme Source of Wisdom

Our day – New irritations
Ignorance of facts
Can't know motives
Priority #1 for all

Ability to see life thru eyes of people whose background condition pt. of view different –

Know questions that perplex
burdens that oppress
fears that paralyze
temptations that trap
if we would help

Identify myself with the thoughts emotions needs of others –
One condition of service –

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JESUS "Common people heard"
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Get Def^n of true Neighborliness? – Good Samaritan
Know law of tithe? – Picture of poor woman.
Understand Divine Love? – Wayward boy – Father's K

They trusted loved followed one who understood them – one who was identified with them

His Lowly Birth – modest home – Carpenter's Shop – Village
Church – Baptism in J – – Temptation – Tears at gra
Presence at wedding – weariness – Strength in pra
watch in Geth – Pain of loneliness – Delight in Children

Give me an understanding heart. 1 Kgs. 3:9 RSV

Mindful of obligation - his insufficiency - his inexperience -
Humbled by the power entrusted to him -
Craves insight - understanding - sympathy - to choose -

Today - new possibilities for irritation -
our superficial knowledge of people - motives - aims -
Broken homes - friendships - heartaches -
Distress - misery - loneliness - unhappiness -
Let us Transform enmities into enduring friendships -

See life thru eyes of people whose conditions, experiences & background & point of view are different from ours.

Know + share { questions that perplex them / burdens that oppress " / fears " paralyze " } understand & help

Mary Slessar of Calibar -
Moses & children of Israel -
Jane Addams - Albert Schweitzer -
Dan Crawford -
Ezekiel - "Knights of the Understanding heart"

Jesus - "He knew what was in the heart of man"
"the common people heard him gladly"

Taught of God - as Father - lover -
Social relationships - Golden rule -
True neighborliness - Good Samaritan -
Laws of tithe - Widow who gave all -
Love divine - Son - wayward - came home -

In our church - Pastor - teachers - leaders - young - old -
In our homes - "I sat where they sat"