



Fear of the Lord

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Definition of decision:

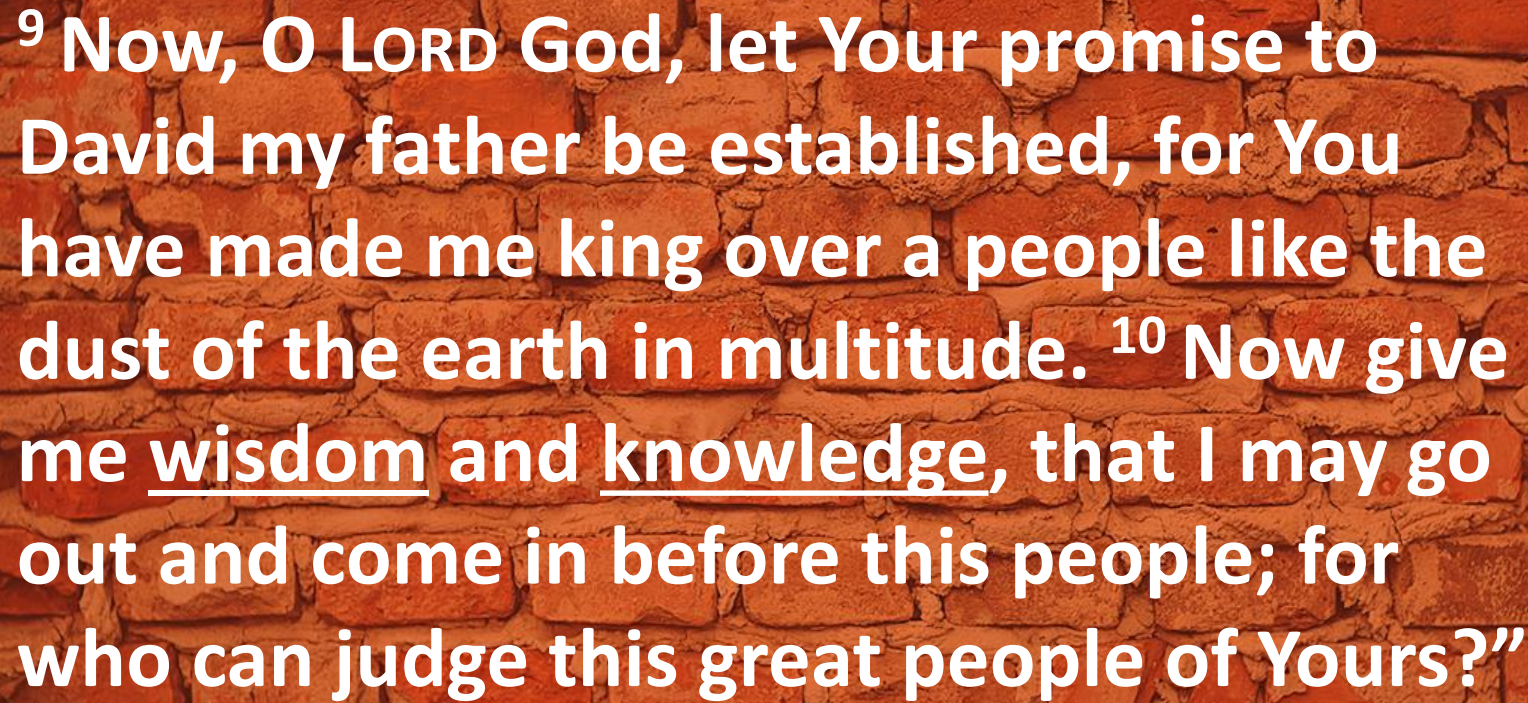
The thought process of selecting a logical choice from all the available options.

When trying to make a good decision, a person must weigh the positives and negatives of each option, and consider all the alternatives. For effective decision making, a person must be able to forecast the outcome of each option as well, and based on all these items, determine which option is the best for that particular situation.

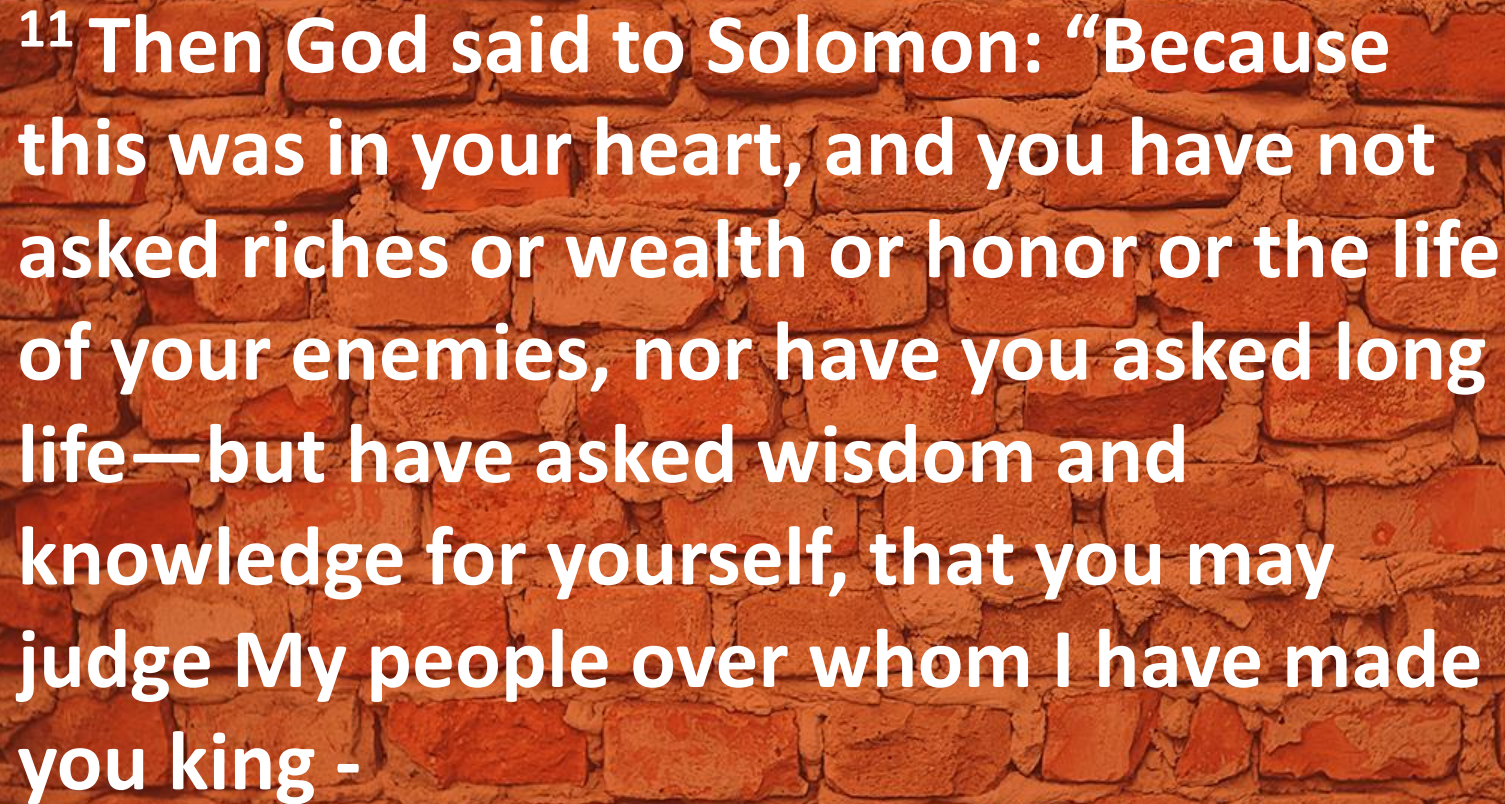
2 Chronicles 1: 7-12 (NKJV)

⁷ On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, “Ask! What shall I give you?”

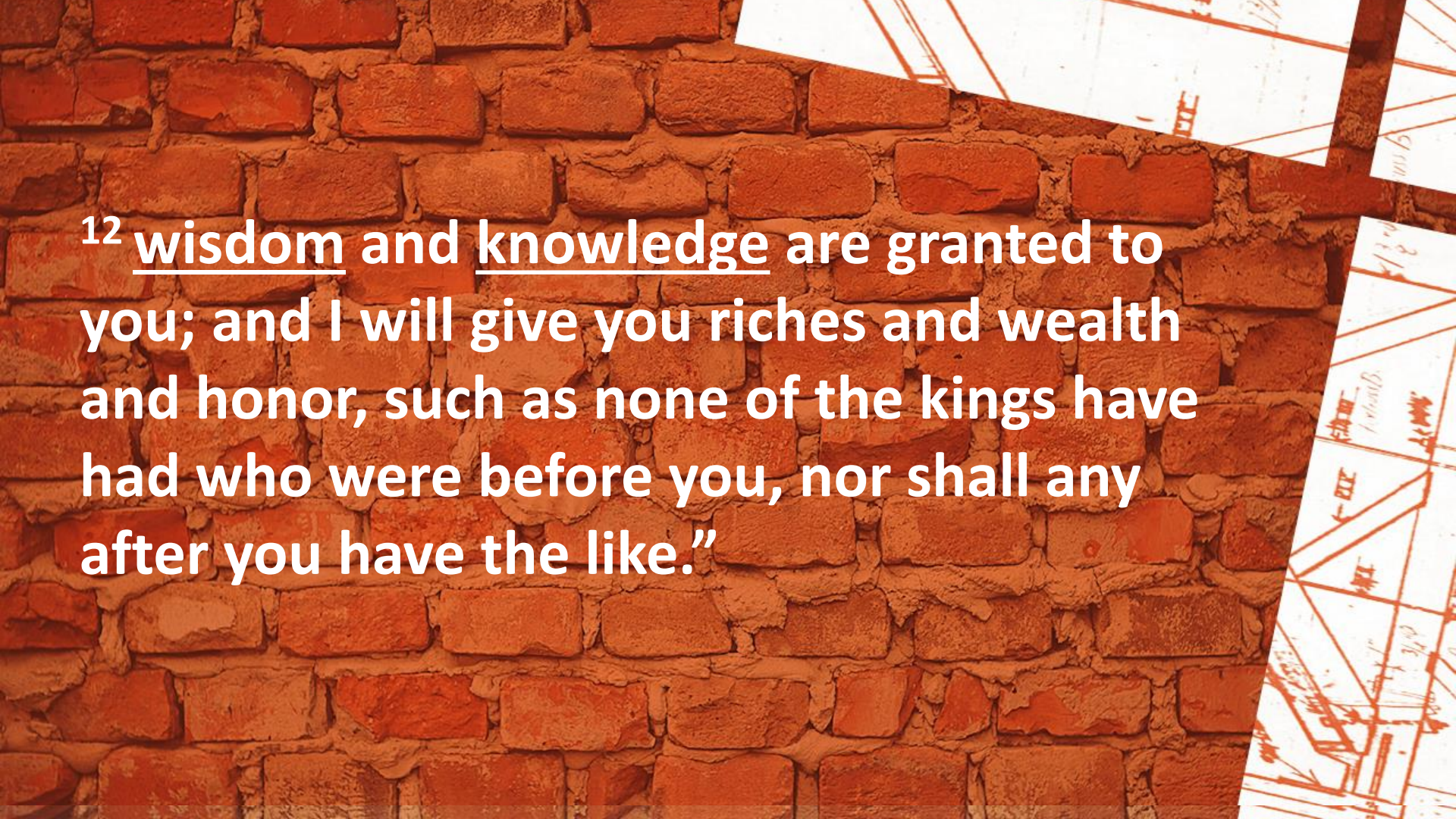
⁸ And Solomon said to God: “You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place.



⁹ Now, O LORD God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. ¹⁰ Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?”



11 Then God said to Solomon: “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king -



¹² wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.”

Proverbs 1:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

² To know wisdom and instruction,
To perceive the words of understanding,

³ To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;

⁴ To give prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion—



**⁵ A wise man will hear and increase
learning,**

**And a man of understanding will attain
wise counsel,**

**⁶ To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise and their riddles.**

**⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.**



Proverbs 29:18a (KJV)

¹⁸ Where there is no vision, the people
perish:



Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)

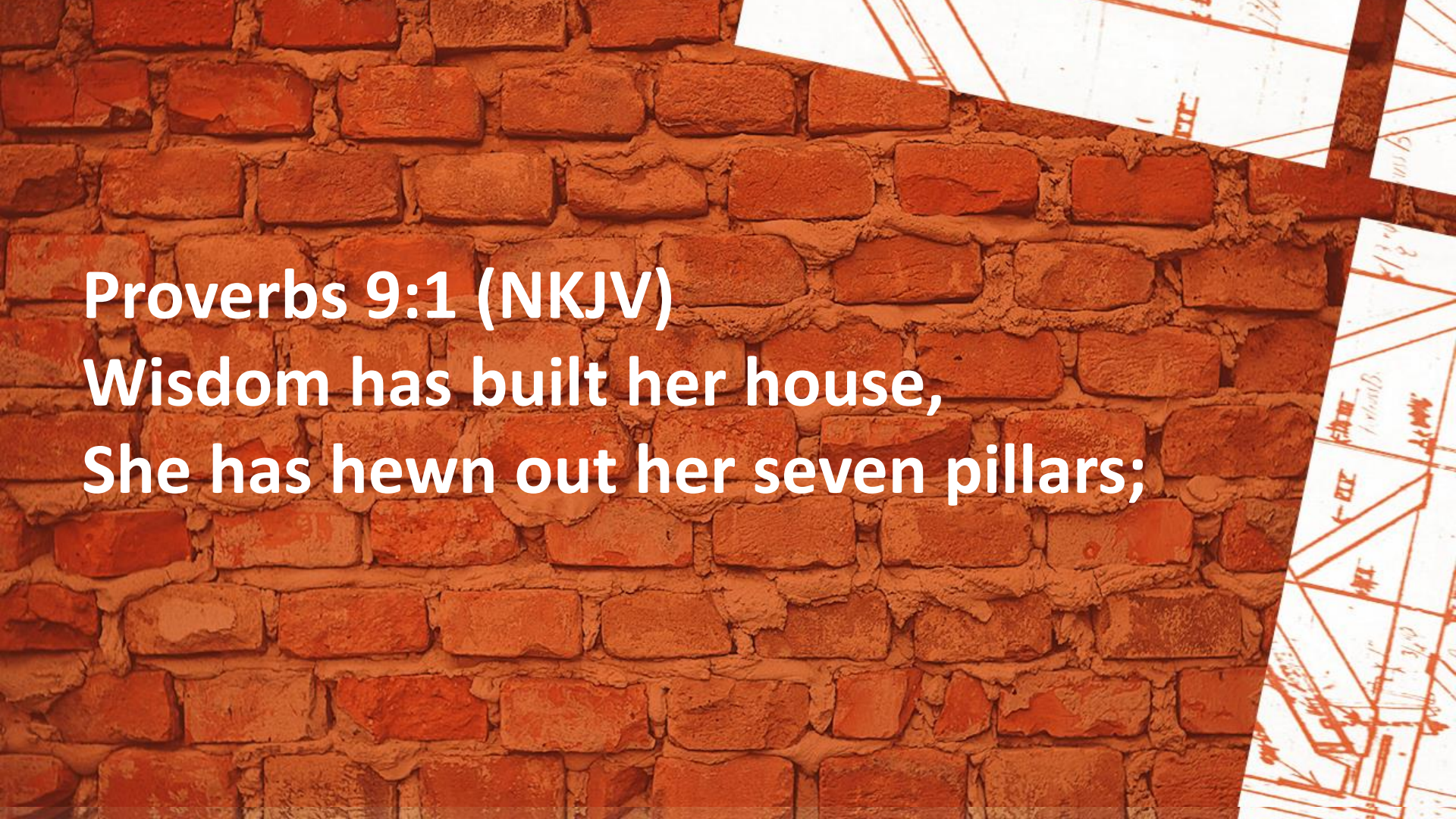
“The fear of the LORD is the beginning
of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy
One is understanding.



Proverbs 9:10 (AMP)

The [reverent] fear of the LORD [that is, worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] is the beginning and the preeminent part of wisdom [its starting point and its essence],

And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding and spiritual insight.

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Proverbs 9:1 (NKJV)
Wisdom has built her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;



James 3:17 (AMP)

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure [morally and spiritually undefiled], then peace-loving [courteous, considerate], gentle, reasonable [and willing to listen], full of compassion and good fruits. It is unwavering, without [self-righteous] hypocrisy [and self-serving guile]



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