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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12
Romans 8: 28-30
Matthew 13: 44 - 52

In 1st Kings 3: 5, 7-12 King Solomon (Son of King David) prays to God and answers Solomon in a dream. God bestows greater wealth and power upon Solomon than his earthly kingdom did. This is true for all God's children even in the most difficult of times.

In verse 5 God said, *“Ask something of me and I will give it to you.”* In like manner, Jesus assures us that we shall ask anything of the Father and it shall be given” (John 16: 23). As one of Gods' servants first - Solomon begs God to give him an understanding heart and wisdom to judge God's people. This is about duty to God; which helps us discern between right and wrong, and truth and falsehood with a clear head. Solomon chose to honor God more than himself. This is a spiritual blessing and not part of this world - and so God gave wisdom to Solomon and continues to us today.

“Faithful Citizenship” – the USCCB document (www.faithfulcitizenship.org) is about how we are to personally examine our own conscience – to find wisdom and understanding to discern between right and wrong, truth and falsehood. But it is up to you – The Catholic church never tells you how to vote.

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