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Transforming Daily

“ . . . wisdom and knowledge are granted to you . . . ”
2 Chronicles 1:12

In Second Chronicles, Solomon responds to God’s grace and blessing in the same spirit as his father, David. When given the opportunity to have anything he wanted, Solomon chose wisdom and knowledge. In response to Solomon’s request for wisdom and knowledge, God grants him a successful reign like his father before him, and the privilege to build the Lord’s temple. However, the rest of Second Chronicles records the decline and fall of Israel due to the evilness and the lack of obedience on the part of the kings that reigned after Solomon. In short, the enemy of God was permitted to divide and conquer the children of Israel.

What is most important about First and Second Chronicles is the faithfulness of God to His Word. Man is bound to fail God, and himself, as well as others, in his word, will, and works. But God’s Word, will, and work will never fail nor return void. The story of the Chronicles, while a record of Israelite history, is more distinctly a testimony to the love, grace, mercy, faithfulness, righteousness, blessing, judgment, and wrath of God.

So what does that mean in the 21st century? Well, since God never changes, neither does He fail, and since His Word will never pass away or return void, a logical conclusion can be made that He feels the same way today about obedience and willful submission to His Word, will and work. Old Testament and New Testament prophecy is replete with explanations and warnings about the ramifications of disobedience to God’s Word. However, both Testaments are also filled with doctrine, instruction and eternal blessing for those who willfully submit to God’s Word.

In Romans 11, Paul warns the church that the same outcome the children of Israel experienced due to their lack of faith and willful disobedience is the same outcome the church potentially faces if they follow the same acts of faithlessness and willful disobedience to God. Are you faithful to God’s Word? Are you faithful to God’s will? Are you faithful to God’s work? God has made it possible to do so because wisdom and knowledge are granted to you.