Lesson 1: Vision: The Foundation of Leadership

Scripture:

Proverbs 29:18 - “Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

Teaching:

Every man is ruling over something, his time, his household, his choices, his influence. A king without vision loses his people; a man without vision loses his purpose. Vision is not simply dreaming, it’s divine direction. It’s a picture of what your life looks like when God’s wisdom rules your decisions. Wisdom isn’t just knowledge; it’s the application of truth. A wise King doesn’t react, he plans, prepares, and builds his life around eternal principles.

Reflection Questions:

What “kingdom” has God entrusted you with right now (family, career, ministry, relationships)?

What is your current vision for that kingdom?

What would your life look like if God’s wisdom guided every part of it?

Declaration:

“I will not drift. I lead with God’s wisdom.”

Challenge:

Write one sentence describing your vision for your life this year. Keep it somewhere visible (mirror, phone wallpaper, or journal cover).

Personal notes and prayer

Lesson 2: Seeking Counsel: Kings Don’t Lead Alone

Scripture:

James 1:5 - “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

Teaching:

Every great king in Scripture surrounded himself with wise counsel. David had Nathan. Solomon had the elders of his father’s court. Even Jesus, the King of kings, walked in fellowship, with Peter, James, and John by His side. Kings understand that leadership is not about having all the answers, but about knowing where to find them. True authority doesn’t come from independence, it comes from dependence on God and interdependence with the right people. When you try to lead alone, you eventually lead in circles.

Isolation creates blind spots, and blind spots become open doors for deception and discouragement. Pride tells you, “You’ve got this.” But humility whispers, “Ask for wisdom.” God’s wisdom isn’t hidden, it’s offered. He gives it liberally and without reproach. That means He doesn’t shame you for not knowing. He delights when you come to Him as a son asking for direction. Wisdom comes three ways: Through His Word - The Bible is your leadership manual. Every principle you’ll ever need is there.

Through His Spirit - The Holy Spirit gives discernment beyond logic. He warns, nudges, and reveals. Through His people - God speaks through mentors, pastors, spouses, and friends who carry wisdom you don’t. A wise king listens to counsel but weighs it in prayer. Wisdom doesn’t mean following every opinion, it means discerning which voices carry God’s heart.

Illustration:

Solomon was given a choice by God: “Ask for whatever you want.” He didn’t ask for wealth or power, he asked for wisdom to lead God’s people. That one request changed his entire legacy. You can have riches, charisma, and connections, but without wisdom, they all crumble. With wisdom, even little becomes much.

Reflection Questions:

Who do I go to when I need wise counsel?

Do I make decisions based on impulse, emotion, or wisdom?

Who has God placed in my life to sharpen me, and am I allowing them to?

Am I teachable, or do I resist correction?

When was the last time I asked God for wisdom before making a major decision?

Declaration:

“God’s wisdom is my foundation. I am not led by pride, pressure, or fear. I seek counsel, I walk in humility, and I lead with understanding. I will not lead alone, because wise kings never do.”

Challenge (Activation):

This week: Call or meet with one mentor, spiritual father, or trusted friend. Ask him one question about leadership, purpose, or fatherhood, and write down what he says. Then, take it a step further: Pray over his advice. Ask the Holy Spirit to confirm what is from Him and how to apply it. Journal how God’s wisdom shows up in one decision you make this week.

Personal notes and prayer