

Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!

Lesson 3

Read James 1:5 – 8

Introduction: *“The wisdom from God relates to life even during the most trying times. It is not a wisdom isolated from suffering and trials. This wisdom is the tool by which trials are overcome. God’s wisdom goes beyond common sense. Common sense does not lead us to choose joy in the middle of trials. This wisdom begins with respect for God, leads to living by God’s direction, and results in the ability to tell right from wrong.”*

Life Application Study Bible

1. According to James 1:5 if you are lacking wisdom what can you do to obtain it?
 - What did Jesus say to His disciples in John 14:13 – 14, John 15:16?

Note: The word *ask* means *in harmony with the nature of God*

- According to 1 John 5:14 – 15 what did the apostle John emphasize?
- When Jesus taught His disciples to pray in Luke 11 what did He say to them in Luke 11:9 – 10?
 - Why do you think God wants us to be persistent in our prayers?

2. What do we learn about *wisdom* from the following scriptures?

- Proverbs 1:1 – 7
- Proverbs 2:1 – 6
- Proverbs 3:13 – 22
- Proverbs 4:7 – 10
- Proverbs 9:10

3. According to James 1:5 how does God supply *wisdom* when we ask for it?

- What does the word *reproach* mean?
- When James says *ask of God, who gives liberally and without reproach* what is he conveying to you?

4. According to 1 Kings 3:3 – 14 the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said to him “*Ask! What shall I give you?*” How did Solomon respond to God’s request and what was God’s answer to Solomon?

- What is the difference between worldly wisdom versus the wisdom from God according to 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31?

5. According to James 1:6 – 7 how am I to ask God for wisdom?

- What does *let him ask in faith, with no doubting* mean to you? (Compare with Proverbs 3:5 – 6)

- What did Jesus say to the centurion servant in Matthew 8:5 – 13?

- How can we be *double-minded and unstable in all our ways* according to James 1:6 and Matthew 6:24?