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**A FAITH THAT WORKS: WISDOM**  
**James 1:5-8**

**Wisdom. James 1:5**

- **What** is wisdom (defined)?

“Wisdom is the **moral** discernment that enables the believer to meet life and its trials with decisions and actions consistent with God’s will.”  
Hiebert

Wisdom is not so much what we need to **know** as what we need to do.

“Knowledge is horizontal; wisdom is **vertical** and comes from above.”  
Billy Graham

Wisdom is the ability to apply the **facts** of life to practical life.

Knowledge is the what, whereas wisdom is the how. It is how to get through the multicolored trials in life, competent action to **master** the various problems of life.

- Where do we **need** wisdom? James 1:5, 2; 1 Kin. 3:9; John 16:3; Mark 5:24-43; Dan. 1:8, 3, 6; Prov. 3-5-7; 17; Eph. 1:17-18; Job. 28:12-22; 1 Pet. 1:6; 5:8; Matt. 26:36-46

**Wisdom (requested). James 1:5-8**

- **Ask** for wisdom. James 1:5-6; 5:17-18; Matt. 7:7-11; Col. 1:9; Ps. 16:7-8; 25:4-5; 32:8-9; Luke 18:1-8; James 4:2
- Ask for **wisdom** in faith. James 1:5-6; Is. 43:10; 44:6; 45:5, 14, 18, 21; 46:9-11; Ps. 66:19-20; 110:1-2; 118:5; 145:8-9; Jer. 29:11-13; Is. 55:8-9
- Ask for wisdom **without** doubting. James 1:6-8; 4:8; Eph. 4:14; John 20:24-29; 1 Kin. 18:21; Rev. 3:16

**Wisdom (benefits).**

- Keeps us in the **center** of God’s will.
- Enables us to make the **right** decisions.
- Prepares us for **tomorrow’s** trials.