

HOW TO RECEIVE WISDOM IN THE TRIALS YOU ARE FACING

(James 1:5-8)

I. HOW to RESPOND BY FAITH in the TRIALS You Are Facing. (James 1:2-4)

II. HOW to RECEIVE WISDOM in the TRIALS You Are Facing. (James 1:5-8)

A. The CONDITION to RECEIVE WISDOM. (1:5)

1. The *definition* of wisdom is _____;
_____.
2. The *importance* of wisdom is underscored in such verses as _____
_____.
3. The *need* for wisdom in your life/trials is underscored by the phrase, “_____ ... _____
wisdom”.
 - Why is this wisdom so needed?
4. The *availability* of wisdom is offered to _____ - i.e. all believers.
5. The *ultimate source* of wisdom is from _____.
6. The *means* to acquiring wisdom from God involves the need to _____.
 - “ask” (aiteo) – present, active, imperative
 - Who is well-known for asking God for wisdom to do God’s will? (1 Kings 3)
 - Since “wisdom” involves “knowledge applied with skill or insight”, where do we get this needed knowledge to be then applied? (Prov.2:1-6)
 - Is there a place to get counsel from others? (Psalm 1:1, 119:24; Prov.11:14)
 - What are some obstacles in acquiring wisdom? (Prov.1:25, 30; 3:5-7; 12:15)
 - Is God truly interested in giving you His wisdom in your trials? (James 1:5c)
 - Will God scold you for asking Him for wisdom in your trials/life? (James 1:5d)

7. The *divine response* to asking God for wisdom is “_____”.
(James 1:5e)

- When will this prayer request be answered?
- Is this a guarantee by God?
- What will always be true when this wisdom truly comes from God?
- How does this apply to you?

B. The CAVEAT to RECEIVE WISDOM From GOD. (1:6-8)

1. The *condition* for receiving wisdom in your trials/life is restated as _____.
(1:6a)

2. The *stipulation* attached to your asking God for wisdom is that it must be done _____.
(1:6b)

- What does this mean?
- How does this relate to wanting to do the will of God and glorify God in your trial?
- How is this stipulation reinforced? (1:6b)
- How is this stipulation then illustrated by James? ((1:6c)
- How does this apply to you?

3. The *warning* attached to a lack of faith in asking God for wisdom in your trials is “*let not that man _____ that he will receive _____ from the _____.*” (1:7)

4. The *divine evaluation* of this wavering believer is that “*he is a _____ man, _____ in _____ his ways.*” (1:8)

- Some closing applications: