



## “Decisive Living”

Wisdom – The Path Least Traveled

James 1:5-8

*Wisdom to navigate difficult times is given to the :*

### I. **Conflicted** – “lack wisdom”

*Wisdom comes to those who :*

A. **Realize** – “ If any of you “

B. **Request** – “ask of God”

C. **Receive** – “it shall be given”

### II. **Convinced** Confident- “in faith”

*Wisdom is given because God is :*

A. **Great** – “ *nothing wavering*” = *no vacillating*

B. **Generous** – “*gives to all men liberally*”

*Literally means = over and over again, purely and simply without bargaining.*

Characteristic of divine giving ...as an example to our giving. Not because He has to or is somehow manipulated. No need for special words or formulas. No worry that God is a miser with His wisdom. No worry that God might hoard all His wisdom. No he dispenses His wisdom lavishly and joyfully.

C. **Good** – “*upbraideth not*”

**God could really make fun of us...duh! We often are ignorant or downright stupid when it comes to things.**

**He does not chide us but instead takes pleasure and is eager to supply our deficiency.**

### III. **Committed** - “double minded” = double souled or inconsistent values.

*Insincerity before God cannot be :*

A. **Concealed** – “ *let not that man think*”

B. **Controlled** – “*unstable*”  
i.e. a staggering drunk

C. **Contained** – “*in all his ways*”

Conclusion

- When we lack wisdom we can conclude:
  - We have not learned from our trials
  - We have not asked God for wisdom
  - We have not asked God for wisdom with faith.

**God always gives the best to those who leave the choice with Him.** God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with him. --Jim Elliot

... and I leave that choice with Him yet again today amidst the concerns and the worries of the day.

**Must believe:**

- **God has the answer – Dr. Madison saying I should ask my father. I did not believe he could know what is best for me in ministry...he doesn't understand...he doesn't want what's best but has his own agenda...**
- **God will be willing to give it**

**Go over the way to make decisions:**

- **Don't be anxious, but pray**
- **Multitude of counselors**
- **Fast and Pray**
- **Peace of God that passes understanding**

If any man lack wisdom = discovery, confess

Nothing wavering = decisive, convinced

Double minded = lack of commitment, Direction, Desire, committed Determination, Devotion

Proverbs 3:5-6

James 4:3

**CONCLUSION:**

How do we know when we are using God's Wisdom?

- James 3:15-18