

Prayers That Shape Us



The Prayer For Wisdom | James 1:5

1. How would you define the difference between having *knowledge* (knowing the facts) and having *wisdom* (knowing how to apply God's truth in difficult situations)? Can you think of a situation where knowing the right information was not enough?
2. Read James 1:1-8 Why do you think James focuses on the need for wisdom immediately after telling believers to view their trials and tests as "pure joy"?
3. Read Proverbs 9:10 & Psalm 111:10 How do these verses help us to understand wisdom? What does it mean to fear the Lord? Why does this bring wisdom? How do these verses help unpack James 1:5?
4. James 1:5 "He gives generously": What does this phrase reveal about God's character and His attitude toward you when you come to Him with a need? "Without finding fault": How does it feel to know that God doesn't shame you, scold you, or hold past failures against you when you ask for His help?
5. When you are faced with a confusing situation or a difficult decision, where do you naturally look for answers first (e.g., self-help, friends, culture)? Why is God's wisdom different?
6. Think about a recent difficult situation you faced. Did you mainly pray for God to remove the problem, or for wisdom to grow through it? What difference might that prayer make?
7. Take time to share, if appropriate and helpful, a current life situation, decision, or relationship where you specifically "lack wisdom" and need God's guidance? Encourage one another as you think together about what practical ways to stop relying on our own strength and surrender the situation to God in prayer?
8. What would it look like this week to "look up" and ask God for wisdom before worrying, overthinking, or trying to solve everything alone?
9. Spend some time praying for the things you have shared, especially for wisdom, remembering how generously God gives to those who ask.



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

