

James 1:5-8

Ask for Wisdom in Faith

1. Command: (5)

- a. Problem: *'If any of you lacks wisdom'*
 - i. In the period before _____ has had its full effect. –v. 4
 - ii. Wisdom is the ability to _____ and _____ rightly in life. –3:13-18
- b. Prescription: *'let him ask God'*
 - i. _____ your need of wisdom. –v. 2
 - ii. _____ to the _____ God:
 - 1. *'Who gives generously to all'* - _____ to all. –Lk 11:9-13, 34
 - 2. Who gives *'without reproach'* - _____ to all. –Prov 9:1-6
- c. Promise: *'and it will be given him'*: certain _____. –Lk 11:9-13

2. Condition: (6a)

- a. *'But let him ask in faith'*.
 - i. Believe in God's _____ and _____. –Heb 11:6; Mark 11:24
 - ii. Ask with a _____ and _____ heart. –Ps 86:11; Ezra 7:10
- b. *'With no doubting'*. Without inner _____ and _____. –2:4

3. Caution: (6b-8)

- a. Picture: *'For the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.'*
 - i. Waves are entirely acted upon from _____. –4:1-6
 - ii. Waves are a vivid picture of four dimensional _____. –Eph 4:14
- b. Presumption: *'For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.'*
 - i. Recognize your _____; do not _____ yourself. –Deut 29:18-21
 - ii. God is _____ to the double-minded. –4:3-8
- c. Peril: *'He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.'*
 - i. He is inwardly _____ by his own _____. –Ps 12:2; Jam 4:3-8
 - ii. He is in great _____. –I Kgs 18:21; Ezek 14:1-8; 33:30-33

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