

Faith that Works

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“Asking for Help”

James 1:5-8

Introduction:

We could all use more wisdom. In today's passage of Scripture we learn that God is eager to give us what we need, if we only ask in faith. But what is God's wisdom and how will it help us?

Interpretation:

Application:

Going Deeper

1. Considering God's gift of wisdom to Solomon, how was it to affect his leadership as king of Israel? (1 Kings 3:1-15, 16-28)
2. How has God provided you with wisdom in the past? (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)
3. On what issues/struggles are you in need of God's wisdom today?
4. How is the gift of wisdom essentially synonymous with the gift of the character of Jesus Christ? (Isaiah 11:1-5, 1 Corinthians 2:24, James 3:17)
5. Why is faith needed in order to receive God's gift of wisdom? In what are we to have faith? (Hebrews 11:6)
6. How have you struggled with "double-mindedness," if at all? What doubts have contributed to this struggle? (James 1:5-8)
7. How is a posture of "single-mindedness" increasing in your life? Could it be strengthened even more? (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matt. 22:34-40)

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