

**Start Presentation**

## **James 1:2-5**

**2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.**

**3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.**

**4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.**

**5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.**

# The Wisdom Cycle

# The Promise of God's Wisdom

## **James 1:5**

**5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. [NLT]**

**5 And if anyone longs to be wise, ask God for wisdom and he will give it! He won't see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures but he will overwhelm your failures with his generous grace. [TPT]**

**5 If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. [AMP]**

## **Proverbs 4:5-8**

**5 Get wisdom! Get understanding!  
Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.**

**6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;  
Love her, and she will keep you.**

**7 Wisdom is the principal thing;  
Therefore get wisdom.  
And in all your getting, get understanding.**

**8 Exalt her, and she will promote you;  
She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.**

**The New King James Version. (1982). (Pr 4:5–8). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.**

## **Proverbs 13:13-15**

**13 Joyful is the person who finds wisdom,  
the one who gains understanding.**

**14 For wisdom is more profitable than silver,  
and her wages are better than gold.**

**15 Wisdom is more precious than rubies;  
nothing you desire can compare with her.**

# Asking For God's Wisdom

## **James 1:5-8**

**5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.**

**6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.**

**7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;**

**8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.**

## Genesis 32:9-12

**9** Then Jacob prayed, “O God of my grandfather Abraham, and God of my father, Isaac—O LORD, you told me, ‘Return to your own land and to your relatives.’ And you promised me, ‘I will treat you kindly.’

**10** I am not worthy of all the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown to me, your servant. When I left home and crossed the Jordan River, I owned nothing except a walking stick. Now my household fills two large camps!

**11** O LORD, please rescue me from the hand of my brother, Esau. I am afraid that he is coming to attack me, along with my wives and children.

**12** But you promised me, ‘I will surely treat you kindly, and I will multiply your descendants until they become as numerous as the sands along the seashore—too many to count.’ ”

**Tyndale House Publishers. (2013). Holy Bible: New Living Translation (Ge 32:9–12). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.**

## **Genesis 32:24-26**

**24 This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break.**

**25 When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket.**

**26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!"  
But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."**

## **Genesis 32:27-29**

**27 “What is your name?” the man asked.**

**He replied, “Jacob.”**

**28 “Your name will no longer be Jacob,” the man told him. “From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won.”**

**29 “Please tell me your name,” Jacob said.**

**“Why do you want to know my name?” the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there.**

## **James 3:13-16**

**13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.**

**14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.**

**15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.**

**16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.**

# Receiving God's Wisdom

## **James 3:17-18**

**17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.**

**18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.**

## **John 16:12-13**

**12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.**

**13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;  
for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak;  
and He will tell you things to come.**

## **1 John 2:26-27**

**26 I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray.**

**27 But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.**

## **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.**

**17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.**

## **Matthew 5:43-44**

**43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’**

**44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.**

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The End