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GOD PROMISES TO GIVE YOU WISDOM

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KEY SCRIPTURE

JAMES 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

It is not difficult to see that the Bible places high value on the benefits of receiving divine wisdom. The book of Proverbs alone is laced with exhortations to seek the wisdom of God and to walk in His ways. Our text in James says that "If we lack wisdom", and I am quite confident that we have all fit into that category at some point of time. Have you ever said or done something that later you wish you had done differently? James 1:5 is a promise that we all need to heed!

Why does God ask us to "Ask Him" – because we need to recognize our lack and our need for Him. But here's the good news, when we ask God is happy to respond in a generous and non-condemning way. When God gave Solomon the opportunity to make any request he wanted, God was so delighted with Solomon's request for wisdom the He gave Solomon wealth and power as a bonus.

Let me list some of the benefits of asking for, and receiving Divine Wisdom (which is different than worldly wisdom – see James 3:13–17, 1 Corinthians 1:25.

1. Divine wisdom gives us a better and deeper understanding of who God is and what He is like – His character and nature – Proverbs 2: 1 – 6.
 2. God's wisdom will give us the right direction and correct guidance for life. Divine wisdom is our spiritual GPS that will lead us in the paths of righteousness and to a glorious destination – Proverbs 4:11.
 3. Divine wisdom gives us God's protection from following dangerous paths where we might stumble and fall – Proverbs 2:11.
 4. God's wisdom will give us spiritual understanding and strength – Proverbs 24:3–5.
 5. Divine wisdom opens the door to blessing and joy – Proverbs 2:10, Proverbs 3:13 & 17.
 6. Divine wisdom leads to true whole person prosperity (possibly material wealth but more importantly spiritual and social riches) – Proverbs 8:17–21.
 7. God's wisdom is connected to good health and long life. – Proverbs 3:7, 8, 16, Proverbs 8:35
- If we ask God for wisdom, He will freely give – it's a promise! So why would we lean on our own understanding when heaven's provision is available for us? Proverbs 3: 5 & 6.

REFLECTIONS

- Can you recall an occasion when your own wisdom failed you? What did you learn from that experience?
- How (or where) can we seek and receive the wisdom of God?
- What is one of the benefits of divine wisdom that you especially want (need) at this time? Have you asked for it?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge my constant need of you. Forgive me for the times when I have gone ahead with my own ideas without consulting you or asking for your wisdom. Thank you for your promise that, if I ask, you will direct me to the best way and guide me in the path of righteousness. I don't want to depend on my own limited understanding so please remind me regularly that your wisdom is available to me when I seek your face. Thank you God.