

# **FAITH THAT WORKS**

## **“The Great Need For Wisdom”**

*James 1:5-8*

**Introduction: Wisdom is not** merely knowledge and intelligence. **Wisdom is** the ability to take the knowledge that you acquire, and apply that knowledge to everyday problems and situations. Biblically it is the ability to apply God’s truth and judgments to your circumstances and trials.

Knowledge + Direction (God’s Truth) + Experience = Wisdom

### **The Shortage of Wisdom** *(1:5a)*

- Timing—When?
- Choosing—What?
- Maturing—Why?

You need wisdom so you will not waste the opportunities God gives to mature you.

### **The Source of Wisdom** *(1:5b)*

#### **The Secret of Wisdom**

- The Promise of Your Prayer
  - When you ask God for wisdom He gives it abundantly *(1:5c)*
  - When you ask God for wisdom He gives it freely *(1:5d)*
- The Problem With Your Prayer
  - When you ask God for wisdom with a doubting mind you receive nothing *(1:6-7)*

- When you ask God for wisdom with a double mind you receive nothing (1:8)

**Application:** Someone has said that knowledge is the ability to take things apart; while wisdom is the ability to put things together.

Where do you see yourself in the midst of your trials? More importantly, where do you see God in the midst of your trials? Your ability to see depends upon Godly wisdom?