

"God's Protocol for Obtaining Wisdom"
James 1:5-12
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Several definitions of wisdom:

1. Wisdom is functioning in obedience to the will of God.
2. Wisdom is seeing life from God's point of view.
3. Wisdom is knowing the right way to go and going that way or wisdom is u the right thing to do and u it.

The real question you should be asking when you're in a trial:

"Lord, how do you want me to conduct myself through this trial?" This is you asking God for wisdom!

WWJD? What would Jesus do?

How God gives us wisdom:

1. God gives generously. (v.5)
"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally..."
2. God gives without hesitation. (v.5)
"If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach..."
3. God gives excitedly. (v.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."

God's condition for receiving wisdom:

You must ask in faith and not doubt.

Note: Whenever you see the word "faith" in the Book of James it means a faith in action or a faith that works. It's synonymous with obedience

Two kinds of trials (James 1:9-11)

1. Trials of Poverty (James 1:9)
2. Trial of Prosperity (James 1:10,11)

Two Judgments:

1. The judgment of non-believers.
(The Great White Throne Judgment)
2. The judgment of believers.
(The Bema Judgment)