

Study Guide: Wisdom Isn't Cheap – James 1:5

Big Question

When was the last time you needed wisdom so badly that you almost made a disaster decision without it?

Write your real answer here:

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Core Scripture Focus

James 1:5 (ESV):

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

Crossfire Scriptures:

- **Hebrews 4:16** — *"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace..."*
- **Proverbs 2:6** — *"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."*

→ God isn't stingy.

→ But He doesn't answer prayers dripping in doubt either.

Big Ideas from James 1:5

Idea #1:

→ *God is ready to give you wisdom — you don't have to pry it out of His hands.*

Idea #2:

→ *Doubting His willingness slams the door before you even knock.*

Idea #3:

→ *Wisdom isn't just knowledge — it's supernatural, Spirit-powered clarity for real decisions.*

Discussion Questions

1. **When you pray for wisdom, do you honestly believe God will answer — or do you halfway expect silence?**
→ Why?
2. ****Why do you think James emphasizes *asking without doubting*?**
→ What's at stake when we pray doubting prayers?
3. **What's one decision you're facing right now where you need to stop guessing and start asking with faith?**
4. **How does understanding your *identity* (child of God vs. spiritual orphan) change the way you pray?**

Action Steps

→ Stop Praying Scared:

Next time you ask for wisdom, pray like you're standing in the throne room — not outside shaking like a stray dog.

→ Fight the Doubt:

When doubt creeps in, answer it immediately:

"My Father is generous. His Word is true. His wisdom is mine for the asking."

→ Write it Down:

This week, ask God for wisdom on ONE decision you're wrestling with.

Write it down. Pray over it daily — **believing**.

Tattooed Apologist Challenge

Faith doesn't mean pretending you don't need wisdom.

It means asking for it like you know the King already said yes.

Write down the area of your life where you are going to ask BOLDLY for wisdom this week:

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