

Practical Instructions for Real Life When I Need Wisdom

James 1:5-6, 3:17-18

⁵ But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

1. Real wisdom begins when I realize I need God's wisdom.
1 Kings 3:9, Luke 21:17, Ephesians 6:11-12, Proverbs 2:2-8

2. I need to ask God for wisdom.
Psalm 50:15, 107:6, Matthew 7: 7-11

3. When I ask, I can do so with confidence.
1 John 3:21-22, 5:14-15, Proverbs 3:5-7

4. God's wisdom is unexceeded.
James uses eight words to describe the nature of Godly wisdom.

1. Pure - James 4:8, Philippians 4:8
2. Peaceable - Matthew 5:9, Hebrews 12:11
3. Gentle
4. Reasonable
5. Full of mercy - Luke 6:36
6. Good fruits - Proverbs 11:30, 13:2, Ephesians 5:9
7. Unwavering
8. Without hypocrisy - Romans 12:9, 1 Timothy 1:5