

Devotional #11 – Wisdom

Opening

- We learned today the definition of wisdom, now let's see what the Bible says about wisdom.
- *Read, or someone read the Teaching verse. FYI: The memory verse is further down*

James 1:5

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

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Big picture:

Wisdom comes from God, and He wants to give you His wisdom, if you just ask Him to.

- Q: Our teaching verse was from the N.T. Book of James. Have any of you read James' book?
- Q: Does anyone know who James was related to? That's right, Jesus, they were brothers.
- Q: Yet, James calls his brother Jesus, Lord Jesus Christ! How hard would it be for you to call your own brother Lord, or Christ? Seems crazy doesn't it, but nothing is impossible with God.
- It is just another amazing proof that Jesus was who He said He was. And had to have done the miracles He did. How else to explain James' worshipping his own brother! Wow!!!
- Now about wisdom, God and His wise truth found in the Bible are the wisest things ever. So, James is right about where you should go to find wisdom, right? To God in prayer, or the Bible, or both.
- Q: So, what are some situations you may need wisdom for as a child and as an adult?
 - As child: Who is a good friend and who is a bad friend?
 - As child: Do I tell the truth, or do I lie?
 - As child: Is someone telling me the truth, or is it a lie?
 - As child: Do I do something I know is wrong, or do I not do it?
 - As adult: Who should I marry?
 - As adult: What job/career should I do when I grow up?
 - As adult: Where should I live?
 - As adult: Should I take that this job, or that job?
 - As adult: Should I buy that thing I want (whatever it is), or wait?
- All the major decisions in life (and minor decisions daily) require wisdom.
- The older we get (child, teen years, young adulthood, adulthood) the more wisdom we need, because we must make more big decisions for our lives, and for others, too (our kids and family and workers, etc).
- Wise advice: Start now. Take James' advice. Seek God's wisdom in all things. You'll be glad you did!

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Memory Verse #3

Ask if anybody knows it yet and can say it? Read it together 2X Consider having a memory verse pamphlet for kids take home.

Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Topical Questions

1. Wisdom doesn't just fall from trees, does it? What does James say you have to do?

Ask God for it. James 1:6 says you must also believe and not doubt, or you should not expect to get anything from God.

2. Does James say God will give you everything you ask Him for?

No! Just Wisdom

3. If getting wisdom from God is so simple (ask), why doesn't everybody ask Him for it?

4. When was a time that you needed Wisdom?

Closing Prayer

God Almighty and All Knowing, we thank you for giving us Your wisdom so freely. What a wonderful gift! And, You make it so simple for us. All we must do is ask You for it and believe You will give it, and Viola! Wisdom is ours! Help us to be humble enough to ask for wisdom. Help us to be courageous to seek Your wisdom. To be wise in Your eyes, not our own eyes, Lord! In Jesus' we pray, Amen

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