

"MAKING UP OUR MINDS"

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James 1:5-11

James 1:5-6 (NKJV): *"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. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*

vs.7-9: *"For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, "*

vs. 10-11: *"But the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So, the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits. "*

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The problem is **INDECISION**

v.8: *"he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."*

Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV): *"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."*

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV): *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."*

THREE WAYS THAT INDECISION MAKES YOU UNSTABLE

- It produces unstable **Emotion**
- It creates unstable **Relationships**
- It creates an unstable **Spiritual Life**

James 1:7 (NKJV): *"For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; "*

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO INDECISION?

The solution is **Get Godly Solution**

James 1:5 (NIV): *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."*

HOW AND WHERE DO YOU GET IT?

1. I need to admit **My Need For it**

James 1:5 (NIV): *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."*

Proverbs I 1:2 (AMP): *"When swelling and pride come, then emptiness and shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and godly Wisdom and soundness."*

2. **I Ask for it**

v. 5: *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God ... "*

Proverbs 2:6 (AMP): *"For the Lord gives skillful and godly Wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."*

3. **I Expect to get it**

James 1:5-6 (NIV): *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind."*

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV2011): *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. "*

HOW DOES GOD GIVE WISDOM?

1. God gives wisdom **Continually** v. 5: *" ... It will be given to Him."*

2. God gives wisdom **Generously** v.5: *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously ... "*