

THE BOOK OF JAMES: RATED M FOR MATURE

Part 3: The Ways Of Wisdom

(JAMES 1:5-8 NKJV)

WISDOM WHEN THE PRESSURE WAS ON

- ❖ A king's impossible request
 - ◆ Tell what he dreamed
 - ◆ Then tell what it meant
 - ◆ The wise men knew they were beaten ***(Daniel 2:11 NKJV)***
- ❖ Daniel's strategy ***(Daniel 2:14-19 NKJV)***
 - ◆ Daniel's dealings with people contained a great deal of wisdom
 - ◆ Daniel asked for time
 - ◆ Daniel believed that God had the wisdom they needed
 - ◆ Daniel's praise to God is both appropriate and insightful ***(Daniel 2:22-23 NKJV)***

WAYS WISDOM CAN COME TO US

- ❖ God's word is our first source
 - ◆ Jesus referred to God's word as His wisdom ***(Luke 11:49 NKJV)***
 - ◆ We check any "wisdom" with the question - How does this line up with scripture?
 - ◆ Wisdom often comes in scripture form ***(Acts 13:46-47 NKJV)***
- ❖ Inward knowing ***(1 John 2:20 NKJV)***
 - ◆ The Holy Spirit gives us a "witness" a knowing on the inside
 - ◆ Classic example of Paul receiving God's wisdom ***(Acts 16:6-10 NKJV)***
(Galatians 1:6-8 NKJV)
- ❖ Wise counsel from others ***(James 3:13-17 NKJV)***
 - ◆ People who have wisdom should have visible fruit of wisdom in their lives
 - ◆ There is a wisdom that is not godly
 - ◆ Godly wisdom has a certain look to it a certain way