THE BOOK OF JAMES: RATED M FOR MATURE

Part 2: Receiving Wisdom

ONE OF OUR GREATEST NEEDS *(James 1:5-8 NKJV)*

- A worthwhile pursuit ***(Proverbs 4:7-8 NIV)***
  - Wisdom is supreme - get it
  - Wisdom - the ability to apply knowledge and experience, with insight, skill, shrewdness (intelligence manifested in practicality), sharp
  - Biblically considered more valuable than money ***(Proverbs 8:11 NKJV)***
- Considered correct to ask for wisdom
  - Dismiss the idea that God is too busy, your matter is too insignificant
  - We do need to ask ***(James 4:2 NKJV) (Matthew 7:7&11 NKJV)***
- Ask in faith
  - To an open handed God ***(James 1:5 NIV)***
  - He is generous and will not rebuke you for asking
  - When you ask - believe ***(Mark 11:24 NKJV)***
  - Don't doubt - go back and forth, be double minded

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