

JAMES 1:5-8

James 1:2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

The _____ - Troubles

“...when troubles of any kind come your way...”

The _____ - Great Joy

“...consider it an opportunity for great joy.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Always be joyful.

17 Never stop praying.

18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Psalms 5:11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.

12 For you bless the godly, O Lord; you surround them with your shield of love.

Habakkuk 3:17 Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,

18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!

The _____ - Get Wisdom

_____ Your Need

James 1:5 If you need wisdom - if you want to know what God wants you to do...

Definition of Wisdom: The Practical Application Of Knowledge

Proverbs 11:2 Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

_____ God For Wisdom

James 1:5 ...ask our generous God...

James 4:2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

1 Corinthians 1:30 God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.

The _____ - God Will Give Wisdom

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How God Gives:

Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

7 He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.

The _____ - Divided Loyalty

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Divided Loyalty Or Indecision Causes

_____ Emotions
_____ Relationships
_____ Spiritual Life

James 1: 7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

We All Have A Choice To Make

Allow Satan To Use Our Troubles To _____ Us

Allow God To Use Our Troubles To _____ Us