

Wisdom
6 Questions 6 Answers
James 1:5-17

In the Book of James:

_____ interesting chapters

_____ inspired verses

_____ verses contain imperative verbs

He doesn't want simply a _____ of faith

He wants the saints to _____ faith in life

1. WISDOM.... _____ IS IT?

v5 "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."

Wisdom = knowledge, experience, that leads to proper decisions and actions.

In James 3:13-18 we are told what the truly wise man will be like.

(A) The wise man will have knowledge (verse 13)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you?...

Proverbs 9:10, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

(B) If we have this wisdom we will be humble

(verse 13) v13 "Who is wise and understanding among you?"

Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

(C) If we have this wisdom our lives will not be characterized by envy, selfish ambition, and every evil practice (verses 14-16)

14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice."

(D) If we have this wisdom we will live lives that are described in v17 that are pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, impartial and sincere.

2. WISDOM _____ WE NEED IT?

v5 If any of you lacks wisdom,.....

No-one is able to say they have fulfilled

James 3:17 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

We ALL need wisdom!

3. WISDOM _____ WE HAVE IT?

v5 "If any of you..."

Who is he talking to, who is the recipient?

v1 "the twelve scattered among the nations."

He is writing to the church!

4. WISDOM _____ CAN WE GET IT?

verse 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.

5. WISDOM _____ IS IT GIVEN?

Verse 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.

6. WISDOM _____ IS IT RECEIVED?

verse 6 "But when you ask you must believe and not doubt because the one who doubts is like a wave tossed by the sea blown and tossed by the wind."

Pray and _____ and _____

Pray in _____ and do _____