

James
Women's Bible Study Revised 2022

Lesson 3: James 1:5-8

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

1) After reading James 1:5-8, it is necessary to define one very important word in this passage. What is the definition of the following word?

Wisdom:

2) Another word that should be defined is reproach. What is the definition of reproach?

3) Verse 5 begins, "If any of you lacks wisdom... ." This beginning of the verse presupposes that we need wisdom. So, is this presupposition correct? If so, why?

4) What does it mean to "ask in faith" (verse 5)?

5) What do you know about God that allows you to have complete assurance or confidence that He will answer your prayer for biblically based requests or petitions?

6) The remainder of verse 6 – verse 8, is a stern warning about a man who is “double-minded.” What does it mean to be double-minded? Why is being double-minded such an affront to God?

7) How would a believer in Christ become double-minded or double-souled? Think about these believers to whom James was writing? Who were they? Where were they? (James 1:1)

8) Is there hope for a double-souled believer? Support your answer from the Bible.

9) Reflect on this passage (vv. 5-8). How do the concepts of wisdom and unwavering faith impact how you live your life?