

James 1:5 – “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach and it will be given to him.”

PRAYER FOR WISDOM IN TRIALS

God tests you, and promises you wisdom in the test. Part of the reason for trials is to develop wisdom. This wisdom is used in reference to both God and Christ. When God promises wisdom, He is talking about Divine wisdom. We are promised that when we ask of God for wisdom, we will receive His wisdom. The Book of Proverbs contains the rules of wisdom. God’s answer to your prayer for wisdom may be to direct you to Proverbs. He may lead you through other passages of Scripture. He may give you the wisdom directly by the Holy Spirit in your intuition. He may send someone with wise counsel. He may lead you by someone you don’t know. Your part is to ask God for wisdom. His part is to answer you. This verse is specifically referring to wisdom for a trial. God will give you wisdom to get through it. God not only promises wisdom but an abundant portion of it. It actually means liberally, with a singleness of mind. “A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways” (James 1:8). A double minded man has no faith. He is unstable. He can’t make up his mind whether to follow his soul or his spirit. Without faith, he can’t discern the leading of the Holy Spirit. You will go through trials. They are a part of life. In addition, are trials because of your faith in Jesus. When you are going through a trial, ask God for wisdom. He won’t scold you. He will give you a liberal portion. God will grant enough to endure until you have finished the test.