

God Time Day 1: Path to Wisdom - Ask



Read James 1:5

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him.



Circle the words “wisdom” and “ask God.”

What will happen to the person who asks for wisdom?



Why? _____

Biblical wisdom is different from the world’s wisdom. The world defines wisdom as intelligence, knowledge, experience, or even wealth or success. God’s Word teaches us that wisdom begins with the reverence (fear) of God. (See Prov 9:10) The person who reveres God is in the right relationship to ask God for wisdom.



Ask God for wisdom now and thank Him for giving it so generously!

God Time Day 2: Path to Wisdom - Do



Read James 1:6-8

⁶But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, ⁸being double-minded and unstable in all his ways.

Wisdom begins by asking and it looks like obedience! But to be wise, we must have faith and not doubt Him. He is completely worthy of our trust and confidence!



In the passage above, we are to “ask in _____”

Faith results in action. And action (obedience) is the demonstration of wisdom.



How do your actions demonstrate your faith in God?

God Time Day 3: A Picture of Wisdom



Read James 1:9-12

⁹Let the brother of humble circumstances boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰but let the rich boast in his humiliation because he will pass away like a flower of the field. ¹¹For the sun rises and, together with the scorching wind, dries up the grass; its flower falls off, and its beautiful appearance perishes. In the same way, the rich person will wither away while pursuing his activities. ¹²Blessed is the one who endures trials, because when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.



Circle what happens to the rich in verses 10-11.

That sounds depressing, but the point is that earthly treasures are temporary. Wisdom understands this. A wise person would know better than to live for or trust in this world!



How would you rate yourself on a scale of living for eternity versus trusting in this world’s earthly treasures?

Trust in the World					Trust in the Eternal				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

What could you do to improve your score?



In verse 12, the one who endures trials is blessed. What is their promised reward?

Look carefully to whom the reward is promised.

The person who loves God is the one who will keep going. That’s perseverance and wisdom!



How would you rate your perseverance?

Quits When Tried					Endures Trials				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

What could you do to improve your score?

God Time Day 4: A Picture of Wisdom (continued)



In part, wisdom means knowing that we don't have to give in to sin, because the God who indwells our hearts is bigger and stronger than the enemy who is trying to destroy us. God will help us fight temptations!



Read James 1:13-18

¹³No one undergoing a trial should say, "I am being tempted by God," since God is not tempted by evil, and he himself doesn't tempt anyone. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire. ¹⁵Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death. ¹⁶Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸By his own choice, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.



In verse 13, circle what "no one" experiencing trials should say and underline why.



In verse 14, circle when temptation happens and underline where temptation comes from?



In verse 15, once conceived, evil desire "gives birth to ____"
And when sin grows up, "it gives birth to _____"

Compare that to the "birth" God gives in verse 18.

Wisdom helps us stand against temptation and can also protect us from falling into temptation in the first place (i.e., we can make wise choices that remove us from tempting situations). It knows that we can trust God because He has proven His love for us! (Think: Jesus!)



How would you rate your ability to fight temptation?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What wise choices will you make to improve your score?

Day 5: We All Need Wisdom



We all need wisdom, don't we? But for those of us who feel like we need more wisdom (or help acting on the wisdom God gives), there are a few practical things to keep in mind.

Remember Why You Need Wisdom



Read Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.

Remember from last week that wisdom helps us maneuver trials? It also helps us "make [our] paths straight." This means that He will guide us. What a blessing!



What is one thing God is asking you to trust Him in?

Truly Seek the Source of Wisdom (God Himself)



Read Proverbs 2:6

For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.



To get wisdom, we must seek the source ("from his mouth"). How are you seeking wisdom from God's word?

Start With What You Know

All Christians (even brand-new ones) have the basics to start a wise walk with God! We have the Holy Spirit in us, God's Word, and fellow Believers to encourage us. Don't overcomplicate wisdom – start with simple faith and obedience. As we obey, our spiritual walk matures.



What do you already know you need to obey or put into practice?

