

“Wisdom to Understand Trials & Temptations”

James 1:5-8

A. The Shortage of Wisdom. 1:5

1. It is hard for us to _____ why God _____ trials/temptations in our lives.
2. We need _____ to understand the trials/temptations we face.

B. The Acquiring of Wisdom. 1:5

1. We are _____ to ask God for _____ when we can't understand what He is permitting in our lives.
2. God gives gifts _____ without a hidden agenda.
3. God doesn't _____ us for asking Him for wisdom to understand our trials/temptations.

C. The Assurance of Wisdom. 1:5

1. We can be certain that if we _____ Him, God will _____ us wisdom to understand our trials/temptations.

D. The Condition for Wisdom. 1:6; Hebrews 11:6

1. If you don't _____ God, it is impossible to _____ Him.
2. With God, you can't have any _____.

Will I trust God for the _____ picture?

Will I trust God for wisdom to understand my _____?

I must ask God for _____, and I must _____ Him to give it to me!

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- A. The Shortage of Wisdom. 1:5
 - 1. It is hard for us to understand why God permits trials/temptations in our lives.
 - 2. We need wisdom to understand the trials/temptations we face.

- B. The Solution for Wisdom. 1:5
 - 1. We are commanded to ask God for wisdom when we can't understand what He is permitting in our lives.
 - 2. God gives gifts sincerely without a hidden agenda.
 - 3. God doesn't scold us for asking Him for wisdom to understand our trials/temptations.

- C. The Assurance of Wisdom. 1:5
 - 1. We can be certain that if we ask Him, God will give us wisdom to understand our trials/temptations.

- D. The Condition for Wisdom. 1:6; Hebrews 11:6
 - 1. If you don't trust God, it is impossible to please Him.
 - 2. With God, you can't have any misgivings.

Will I trust God for the BIG picture?

Will I trust God for wisdom to understand my tragedy?

I must ask God for wisdom, and I must trust Him to give it to me!