

Digging Deeper: James 1:5–8

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Day 1

Pray for wisdom. Read James 1:5. If any of you lacks wisdom when facing trials and temptations, who does this verse advise you to turn to?

Day 2

Pray for strength. Meditate on James 1:5. What two things does wisdom start with for those who lack it? Why is it so important to practice wisdom? Also, read Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 9:10 and Romans 8:28.

Day 3

Pray for faith. Read James 1:6. When you ask God for anything, what two specific things must *you* do? Why?

Day 4

Pray for forgiveness. Read James 1:7. What does this verse say about the person who does not believe and doubts yet asks God for something anyway?

Day 5

Pray for peace. Read James 1:8. This verse provides additional warnings for the person who doubts the power of Almighty God in the face of trials and temptations. The Bible describes this person as being one with “two souls.” One part is set on God and the other on this world, which results in constant internal conflict (Matthew 6:24).

Day 6

Pray for others. Meditate on the words in these verses, and take time out to *practice* wisdom today, alone and with loved ones. To God belongs eternal praise! “Do not let your burdens outweigh your blessings.”