

I. James 1:2-8

- A. The Context of Scripture
 - 1. When you need help....ask for wisdom!
 - 2. And when you seek counsel, ask God!
 - * The one who has all the answers...
 - * The one who wants to help you to the other side
- B. "I need wisdom..."
 - 1. What are you actually saying? "I need direction; I need guidance and understanding; I need insight."
 - 2. The church needs God's wisdom more than ever before; we need His direction and insight every day.
 - 3. Why wisdom? **Proverbs 4:7-8** "Wisdom is the principal (first in order) thing..."

II. More to Learn...More Wisdom to Gain

A. Proverbs

- 1. **Proverbs 3:19** "The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth..."
- 2. **Proverbs 24:3** "Through wisdom is a house built..."
- 3. **Proverbs 2:6-7** "The Lord gives wisdom..."
- 4. **Proverbs 3:13** "Happy is the man that finds wisdom..." (You must seek her in order to find her!)
- 5. **Proverbs 7:4 "Say unto wisdom, you are my sister."** (Interesting note: wisdom is always identified as a female....why? Because the book of Proverbs enlightens us to the gentle nature of God; His kindness and His everlasting love....Wisdom is the very embodiment of this truth!)

B. Satan

- 1. Ezekiel 28:12, vs. 17
- 2. Pride corrupts wisdom....Remember, a humble person is the only person that can hear and gain wisdom from God!
- C. Jesus and the church
 - 1. **Luke 2:40, vs. 52 -** Jesus grew in wisdom
 - 2. **Luke 21:15** "God will give you a mouth and wisdom"
 - 3. Acts 6:8-10 Stephen walked in the power of heavenly wisdom