

Got FAITH?

Wisdom For Tough Times

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Tough Times...

... are **Certain**

James 1:2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

... have a **Purpose**

James 1:3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

... offer me opportunities to **Grow**

James 1:4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

...build the **character** of Christ into my life

3 Steps to Gaining Wisdom

1. Admit I have a Need

James 1:5a If you need wisdom, ...

Proverbs 11:2 Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

2. Ask for Wisdom

James 1:5b ...ask our generous God...

Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Psalms 50:15 Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory.”

3. Anticipate Getting Wisdom from God

James 1:5c-6a and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone.

Hebrews 11:6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Psalms 27:14 I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness in the exuberant earth. Stay with GOD! Take heart. Don't quit. I'll say it again: Stay with GOD. (Msg)

James 1:8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

1 Kings 18:21 Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!"

Is there something keeping you from asking God
for wisdom?

Fear?

Pride?

Forgetfulness?

Unbelief? Doubts?

Not Understanding God?

Laziness?

God Gives Wisdom Generously!