

# **Bible Study Guide: Ask for Wisdom – Living Guided by God, Not Guesswork**

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## **Big Idea**

**God freely gives wisdom to those who ask, and when we seek His guidance instead of relying on our own understanding, He directs our steps with clarity and purpose.**

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## **Theme**

**This study emphasizes that life is not meant to be lived by guessing or striving alone, but by consistently seeking God’s wisdom through prayer, trust, and dependence on His presence.**

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## **Core Scripture**

### **James 1:5**

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

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## **Introduction: Life Is Not a Guessing Game**

Many people approach life:

- Unsure of direction
- Making decisions based on feelings
- Trying to figure things out alone

But Scripture teaches:

- We don't have to guess
- We can ask God

### **Key Insight:**

“This is not a guessing game—it’s a God thing.”

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### **The Reality**

- We often rely on our own understanding
  - We hesitate to seek God first
  - We overcomplicate decisions
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## **Main Point 1: God Is the Source of Wisdom**

### **Explanation**

Wisdom is not:

- Just knowledge

It is:

- God-given direction

## **Spiritual Truth**

God:

- Holds perfect wisdom

“When we need wisdom, we go to God every time.”

## **Application**

- Where am I seeking wisdom?
- Am I going to God first?

## **Sticky Quote:**

“God is your source of wisdom.”

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## **Main Point 2: You Must Ask for Wisdom**

### **Explanation**

God invites:

- Communication

## **Spiritual Truth**

Wisdom is available:

- But must be requested

“All you have to do is ask.”

### **Application**

- Am I asking God for direction?
- Or trying to figure it out alone?

### **Sticky Quote:**

“Ask before you act.”

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## **Main Point 3: God Gives Generously**

### **Explanation**

God does not:

- Hold back

### **Spiritual Truth**

He gives:

- Freely
- Abundantly

“He gives generously to all.”

### **Application**

- Do I believe God will answer?
- Am I expecting His guidance?

**Sticky Quote:**

“God gives freely.”

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**Main Point 4: God Does Not Condemn You for Asking**

**Explanation**

We often fear:

- Judgment
- Rejection

**Spiritual Truth**

God:

- Welcomes your questions

“He gives without finding fault.”

**Application**

- Am I hesitant to approach God?
- What’s holding me back?

**Sticky Quote:**

“God welcomes your questions.”

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## **Main Point 5: God's Wisdom Brings Clarity**

### **Explanation**

Life can feel:

- Confusing

### **Spiritual Truth**

God's wisdom:

- Clarifies direction

“God will confirm and guide.”

### **Application**

- Where do I need clarity?
- Am I listening for God?

### **Sticky Quote:**

“God brings clarity.”

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## **Main Point 6: The Holy Spirit Guides You**

### **Explanation**

God speaks through:

- His Spirit

## **Spiritual Truth**

The Holy Spirit:

- Leads
- Confirms

“His presence never fails.”

## **Application**

- Am I aware of the Spirit’s guidance?
- How is God speaking to me?

## **Sticky Quote:**

“The Spirit leads you.”

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## **Main Point 7: Trust Is Required**

### **Explanation**

Asking is not enough:

- You must trust

## **Spiritual Truth**

Trust:

- Positions you to receive

“Trust in God’s wisdom.”

### **Application**

- Do I trust God’s direction?
- Where do I struggle?

### **Sticky Quote:**

“Trust unlocks guidance.”

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## **Main Point 8: Lean Into God’s Presence**

### **Explanation**

God’s wisdom is:

- Personal

### **Spiritual Truth**

You must:

- Stay close to Him

“Lean into God’s presence.”

### **Application**

- Am I spending time with God?
- How can I grow closer?

**Sticky Quote:**

“Stay close to hear clearly.”

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**Main Point 9: God’s Guidance Is Not Complicated****Explanation**

We often think:

- It’s complex

**Spiritual Truth**

God’s direction:

- Is clear

“God is not making it a Rubik’s Cube.”

**Application**

- Am I overcomplicating things?
- Can I trust simplicity?

**Sticky Quote:**

“God’s guidance is clear.”

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**Main Point 10: God Confirms the Right Path****Explanation**

God:

- Affirms direction

## **Spiritual Truth**

You will:

- Know the way

“God will confirm the right way.”

## **Application**

- What confirmation am I seeking?
- Am I paying attention?

## **Sticky Quote:**

“God confirms your steps.”

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## **Main Point 11: Relying on Yourself Leads to Mistakes**

### **Explanation**

Our wisdom:

- Is limited

## **Spiritual Truth**

Self-reliance:

- Leads to error

“Relying on ourselves often goes badly.”

### **Application**

- Where have I relied on myself?
- What was the result?

### **Sticky Quote:**

“Self-reliance leads to struggle.”

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## **Main Point 12: God’s Wisdom Never Fails**

### **Explanation**

Human wisdom:

- Can fail

### **Spiritual Truth**

God’s wisdom:

- Is perfect

“When it’s God’s wisdom, it’s never wrong.”

### **Application**

- Do I trust God’s wisdom fully?
- Will I follow it?

## **Sticky Quote:**

“God’s wisdom never fails.”

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## **Discussion Questions**

1. What areas of your life need God’s wisdom right now?
  2. Do you regularly ask God for direction? Why or why not?
  3. What keeps you from trusting God’s guidance?
  4. How have you seen God provide clarity in the past?
  5. What step can you take today to seek God’s wisdom?
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## **Practical Application Steps**

### **1. Ask God Daily**

- Start your day with prayer

### **2. Listen Intentionally**

- Be aware of His guidance

### **3. Trust His Direction**

- Follow what He reveals

### **4. Stay Close to God**

- Build a relationship

## **5. Act in Faith**

- Move forward confidently
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### **Closing Prayer**

Father,  
We need Your wisdom.

Teach us to come to You first,  
to ask boldly,  
and to trust completely.

Guide our steps,  
clarify our decisions,  
and help us follow Your voice.

Thank You for giving generously  
and for leading us in truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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### **Final Takeaway**

**You don't have to guess your way through life—when you ask God for wisdom and trust His guidance, He**

**will lead you clearly, faithfully, and perfectly every step of the way.**