

*Live the Creed: An Exposition of James*  
**“How To Make Wise Decisions”**

James 1:5–11  
The Lord’s Day Morning  
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Wisdom is the skillful discernment and application of the truth for the glory of God and the good of all people. We need wisdom all the time, but especially during trials, when our judgment can be impaired. Remember that *a trial is any circumstance that makes quitting on Jesus look like a good option*. Whether we’re tested with adversity or prosperity, our response to the test is critical and consequential. How can we make wise decisions when we’re faced with trials?

### **How do we respond to trials?**

1. What to ask: For wisdom, not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How to ask: In faith, not \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Who to ask: God, not the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **How does God answer our request for wisdom?**

1. Through the friendly \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture: God’s prohibitions narrow \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Through the \_\_\_\_\_ of wise people: God’s people reveal \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the moment: God’s providence ordains \_\_\_\_\_.