

Proper Posture  
Putting Feet to Faith  
New Hope Community Church  
James 1:5-11  
May 22, 2022

- I. To receive wisdom requires a posture of dependence (5)
  - A. Cultural Misconceptions of Wisdom
    - Wisdom is simply knowledge (1 Cor 1:18-31)
    - Cleverness is wisdom displayed (1 Cor 3:18-20)
    - Age equates to wisdom (Ecc. 4:13)
    - Wisdom is displayed by words only (Prov. 10:19; 17:27-28)
  - B. Biblical wisdom is counter cultural
    - Wisdom is humble (James 3:13,17)
    - Wisdom starts with a proper understanding of who God is (Pr. 9:10)
    - Wisdom has honest self awareness (Job 40:1,2)
  - C. God is a generous God
- II. Bad posture is one that hedges bets (6,7)
  - A. Doubting is not circumstantial it is rooted in doubting God (Heb11:6)
    - Zechariah (Luke 1:18)
    - Mary (Luke 1:34)
    - A conflicted father (Mark 9: 22-25)
  - B. Doubting results in disaster
- III. Proper posture is eternal focused (1:9-11)
  - A. The lowly is gaining through their growth
  - B. The rich is gaining though their pain

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