



PULPIT CURRICULUM

Wise Up!

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January 19 – January 25, 2020

1. GOING DEEPER

James 1: 5 – 8

1.1) **(a)** Compare knowledge and wisdom. **(b)** What is the true source of wisdom and through what means do we access this wisdom? **(c)** What happens if we try to apply wisdom from another source? _____

1.2) **(a)** Why do we need wisdom when we are experiencing difficult circumstances? (also see Prov. 3:5-7) **(b)** Discuss how pride might hinder us from receiving and applying wisdom to our situations. _____

1.3) **(a)** In verse 6, what condition does James describe that we must fulfill (also see Heb. 11:6)? **(b)** What is the problem with having doubts about whether God will act on our behalf when we ask Him (also see John 15:7)? _____

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

2.1) To what extent do you apply Godly wisdom as you go through your trials?



I don't know how to access wisdom in my trials.



I find it very difficult to apply wisdom in my trials.



I am gradually increasing in my ability to apply wisdom in my trials.



I usually apply wisdom to help me go through my trials.



I always apply wisdom to help me go through my trials

2.2) In what areas of your life do you need to access and apply God's wisdom?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Verse of The Week
James 1:5 (ESV)
"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."

3. APPLICATION

Of the list above, which one(s) will you be intentional about adjusting this week? (Who will hold you accountable)?

Sermon Main Points	Sermon Highlights
<p>If we are to endure trials joyfully, we must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌄ Identify our need for wisdom in trials; ⌄ Have an intimate knowledge of God's character; ⌄ Exercise confidence in God; and ⌄ Silence the voices of doubt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌄ <i>We bring glory to God when we endure trials joyfully.</i> ⌄ <i>The first step in dealing with any difficult situation is to acknowledge that we need God's wisdom.</i> ⌄ <i>God gives wisdom without reproach, that is, He does not make us feel badly for coming to Him repeatedly. In fact, He delights in it.</i> ⌄ <i>We must have the confidence, that if we ask God for wisdom, He will provide it.</i> ⌄ <i>The doubting person questions the character, faithfulness and goodness of God.</i>

5 Day Study Plan	"Study to show yourself approved unto God..."
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<p>Day 1 Proverbs 9:10 What I learned (observation / interpretation):</p> <p>How I will Respond (application):</p>	<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> Observation <i>(What does the text say?)</i> </div> <p>When observing the text, look for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who... <i>wrote the book ... who is it about ... who did/ said this?</i> What... <i>is happening?</i> Where... <i>did this take place?</i> When... <i>did it happen?</i> Keywords (significant, repeated, emphasized), Transition words (because, therefore, so then, but), Commands (clear action statements). <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> Interpretation <i>(What does the text mean?)</i> </div> <p>When interpreting the text, examine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the main theme... <i>what is the meaning of key words)?</i> Read cross references Compare translations Summarize the big idea Use commentaries (last thing) <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> Application <i>(How should this affect Me?)</i> </div> <p>When applying the text, ask "How should this change the way I think, speak, act? Seek to identify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sins to confess? Promises to claim? Examples to follow? Actions to obey? Knowledge to grow in?
<p>Day 2 Proverbs 2:6-8 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>	
<p>Day 3 Matthew 7:7-11 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>	
<p>Day 4 1 Peter 4:13-16 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>	
<p>Day 5 Mark 11:22-24 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>	