

## Questions to Consider — Lesson 2 — “Say Yes to Wisdom – No to Wavering” — James 1:5-8

1. Read James chapter one. (a) List all of the illustrations from nature that James uses in chapter one. (b) Why do you think he does this?
2. Memorize James 1:5.
3. James tells us that we should ask for wisdom when facing trials.  
(a) What does James say subsequently regarding wisdom in James 3:13-17? Contrast the world’s (man’s) wisdom with godly wisdom from these verses. (b) How will this help you know what kind of wisdom you possess the next time you face a trial?
4. Other than Solomon, find one example in Scripture where someone facing a trial sought God’s wisdom. (a) What was the result? (b) What principle can you glean for your life?
5. Find an example in Scripture where someone facing a trial did *not* seek God’s face for wisdom. (a) What was the result? (b) Whose or what wisdom did they seek? (c) What can you learn to avoid from this example?
6. Give an example from your life when you faced a trial and went to other sources first. What was the result of that? In contrast, give an example of when you were faced with a trial and went to Him first. What was the result of this Biblical approach to trials?
7. (a) Can you name some instances in your life where God’s answer to your prayer for wisdom came much later? (b) What did you learn?
8. Try to write down at least one trial that comes your way this week. Honestly evaluate the situation. (a) Did you first turn to the Lord or to other sources? (b) If to Him, did you ask for (and want) His wisdom or did you want relief from the trial? (c) If you did seek Him first for wisdom how did He answer your prayer? What situation in your life today should prompt you to seek God’s wisdom? Write a prayer request to the Lord.