

# **A Study Guide to James 1:5-18 (Session 2)**

**First Baptist Peddie Church**

**1. Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit for understanding God's Word.**

**2. Read James 1:5-18 aloud slowly several times.**

**3. Observe**

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. What is wisdom? How is wisdom defined within the context of James (3:13-18)?
4. Draw a diagram indicating the dynamics of temptation in vv. 13-15.
5. Read through the entire Book of James, and observe the theme of poverty and wealth (first introduced in 1:9-11) and how often it is repeated.

**4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube**

**5. Interpret / Live out the Word**

1. Why is wisdom singled out as the one thing to pray for in the midst of trials?
2. Write down the specific areas you need wisdom for, and devote some time in prayer, asking God for the wisdom you need.
3. The theme of poverty and wealth in vv. 9-11 appears to disrupt the flow of ideas. Given the historical context (persecuted Jewish Christians, forced to abandon their homes and dispersed to Gentile regions), how might poverty and wealth be related to the trials they were facing?
4. Think of the desires in your heart that make you vulnerable to temptation. What do you need to do to resist the temptation and choose the path of life?
5. How is knowing who God is (i.e., His character) crucial to perseverance under trial?
6. What is the one thing you would like to work on from the insights you gained?

**6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)**

(James 1:5 NIV)

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