

## Asking For The Right Thing

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### James 1:5-11

#### Using This Study

##### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

##### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

##### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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Mr. Bradley is currently working on his Masters in Divinity at Grace School of Theology in Houston, TX. He is scheduled to graduate in December 2015. He obtained his BS degree in Biblical

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Robert and his wife, Erin, live in Missouri City and attend Sugar Creek Baptist Church. They have 2 adult children, Kira, age 24, and Skyler, age 20. At their home church, Robert is an Adult Bible Fellowship teacher and also provides biblical counseling at Second Mile Mission in Stafford, TX. Robert and Erin own Original Images Photographic Studio in Sugarland, where Robert does his own photography, specializing in weddings.

Robert's goal in ministry is to be a Senior Pastor at a small rural Baptist Church in Fort Bend County. To this end, he is seeking to be ordained at Sugar Creek Baptist and wishes to serve at Sugar Creek while he completes his Masters Degree in Biblical Studies. He hopes to gain experience in any facet of service that God may direct him to serve in.

## ① EXAMINE His Word

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What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read James 1:5-11

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

<sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

<sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

<sup>9</sup> Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position.

<sup>10</sup> But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower.

<sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

## ② EXPLORE His Word

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What does God MEAN?

1. What is Biblical wisdom?

2. How does God view the wisdom of men?

3. What does James mean when he tells us to pray in faith without doubting?

4. James tells us to ask for wisdom, does that mean it is all we are to ask for?

5. How is being humble related to asking God for wisdom in trials?

## **③ EMBRACE His Word**

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Why does this MATTER to me?

### **Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

### **Sermon Notes**

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