

# ASKING & RECEIVING IN TRIALS

## JAMES 1:5

### I. OUR MAJOR NEED IS SUMMARIZED IN ONE TERM: *WISDOM* (1:5)

- A. *Wisdom* Is Much More Than The Accumulation Of Facts Or The Reception Of Knowledge
- B. *Wisdom* Has To Do With The Way We Harness Up The Facts And Make Them Work
  - 1. The Facts Are Universal
  - 2. The Thing That Makes A Trial So Difficult For Us Is That We Do Not Know What To Do

### II. WE ARE COMMANDED TO GO TO THE LORD AND REQUEST FROM HIM A SUPERNATURAL UNDERSTANDING, INSIGHT, DISCERNMENT & DISCRETION REGARDING HOW TO DEAL WITH THE FACTS (1:5)

- A. God's Generosity Is Unqualified: "...*Giveth To All Men Liberally*"
- B. God's Will Not Fault Us For Asking: "...*And Upbraideth Not....*"
- C. God Will Give Wisdom, Not Additional Revelation: "...*And It Shall Be Given Him*"
  - 1. Proverbs 2:6 (Scriptural Counsel)
  - 2. Proverbs 1:8 (Parental Counsel)
  - 3. Proverbs 6:1, 6:6, 6:11; 7:6; 24:30 (Observational Counsel)
  - 4. Proverbs 16:1,3,9,33 (Providential Circumstantial Counsel)