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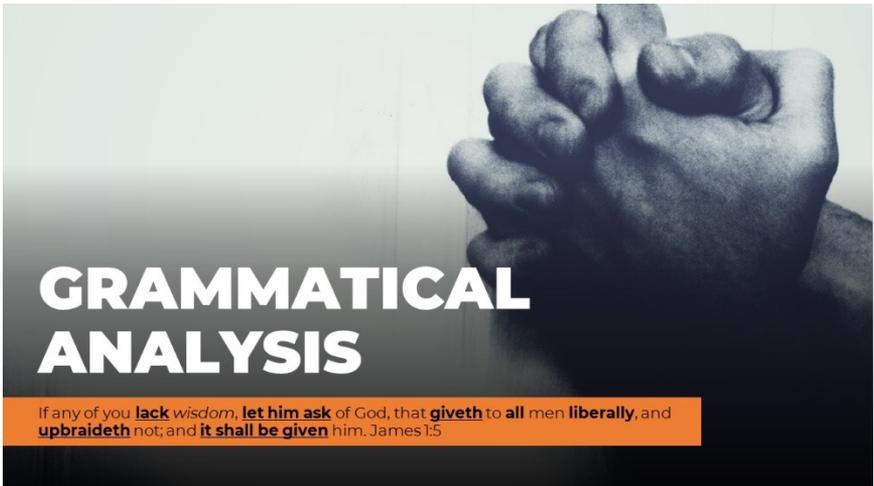
**faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:5-12**

Ok, now, let us go back to verse 5 and analyze this verse. We will follow the same format as before. We will look at it grammatically. We will then summarize the verse.

Afterwards, we will evaluate the verse in comparison with 2 Timothy 3:16 and 17.

# Body

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## GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS<sup>i</sup>

If any of you **lack** *wisdom*, **let him ask** of God, that **giveth** to **all** men **liberally**, and **upbraideth** not; and **it shall be given** him. James 1:5

### Verbs

1. The following are the verbs in the text above. The numbers in parentheses refer to the verses in which they occur. The numbers in brackets refer to the verses in which they occur in the original text.



### Verbs

- LACK - leipó: to leave, leave behind
- LET HIM ASK - aiteó: to ask, request;

VINES – “...more frequently suggests the attitude of a suppliant, the petition of one who is lesser in position than he to whom the petition is made...i.e. men to God; child to parent; subject to king; etc.”

- GIVETH - didómi: to give (in various senses lit. or fig.)
- UPBRAIDETH - **3679** *oneidízō* (from a primitive root meaning "to upbraid, revile, like in showing one's teeth," K. Wuest) – properly, to *disgrace* (*insult*), reproach; mock (curse); insult, *cast blame* (create



Adverbs

• [573](#) /haploús, "single, unfolded" – properly, acting with *simplicity* – literally, "without folds" (WP, J. Thayer), i.e. without undue complications. [See 572](#) (*haplotēs*).

## Adverbs

- LIBERALLY (modifying "giveth") -

**Cognate: 574** *haplós* (the adverbial form of [573](#) /haploús, "single, unfolded") – properly, acting with *simplicity* – literally, "without folds" (WP, J. Thayer), i.e. without undue complications. [See 572](#) (*haplotēs*).

[574](#) /haplós ("simply"), used only in Js 1:5, refers to God "generously" giving wisdom – which is better translated "giving *undividedly*, openly" (literally, "unfolded, holding nothing back").

Js 1:5,6: <sup>5</sup>But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all *generously* ([574](#) /haplós) and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But he must [continuously, in process] ask in *faith* ([4102](#) /pístis) without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind" (NASU).

**SUMMARY**

James 1:5

<p>• If any of you <b>lack wisdom</b>, <b>let him ask</b> of God, that <b>giveth</b> to all men <b>liberally</b>, and <b>upbraideth</b> not, and <b>it shall be given</b> him.</p>	<p>• If any of you [fellow believer] <b>lack [have left behind] wisdom [clarity]</b>, <b>let him ask [request it]</b> of God, that <b>giveth [gives]</b> to all [every part that applies] men <b>liberally [without hesitation or undue complications]</b>, and <b>upbraideth not [does not upbraid or revile based on what they deserve]</b>; and <b>it shall be given</b> him.</p>
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## SUMMARY

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**hesitation or undue complications], and upbraideth not [does not upbraid or revile based on what they deserve];**  
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## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16&17 ANALYSIS

Here is where we ask the following questions based upon Scripture.

What is RIGHT?



### ***What is RIGHT?***

- It is **RIGHT to want wisdom.**

***“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask...”***

implies that we are wanting wisdom. Now, it is important for us to understand right away that we are seeking God's wisdom. True wisdom only comes from God. It cannot come from any other source and truly be wisdom. As God's people, we should be constantly seeking His wisdom. This means that my wisdom is not enough. In fact, the implication is that having any

wisdom outside of God's wisdom causes us to "**lack**" or to have left behind true wisdom.

I am reminded of King Solomon. Soon after he ascended to David's throne, God allowed him to ask for anything that he wanted. Solomon asked for wisdom. His request greatly pleased God. In turn, God not only rewarded him great wisdom, but also riches and honor.

Later, in Proverbs, God says **"My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."** *Proverbs 2:1-6*

Thus, it is very right for us to seek after or desire wisdom from God. We are encouraged to go after it. We are to go after it like finding buried treasure full of silver. The promise from God is that if we go after wisdom, He will provide it. In fact, wisdom comes out of His mouth. A reminder to us today that the Bible is the WORD of God.

What's Right?  
- 18:12 - James 1:5  
- 18:12 - Trust God  
- 18:12



- It is **RIGHT to ask God for wisdom.**

***“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...”***

Again, I am reminded that true wisdom only comes from God. The wisdom of this world is the wisdom of men. In fact, according to Scripture, the phrase ***“wisdom of men”*** is somewhat of an oxymoron. There is no wisdom in sinful men. The Bible specifically says that ***“There is none righteous, no, not one.”*** Romans 1:22 tells us that many people profess ***“...themselves to be wise, they became fools.”*** Later in this same book of James, we will find that ***“This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, and devilish.”*** (James 3:15) Consequently, if you and I truly want to be wise, we **MUST** go to God. We cannot go to any other. Therefore, if you are lacking it, then ask Him.

What's Right?  
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- It is **RIGHT that God gives to all will ask.**

***“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth...and it shall be given him.”*** Now, we must understand that there are often conditions related to God's giving. That is not something that we need explore right now. However, the truth that is stated is that our God loves to give. Everything about what He has done, continues to do, and will do in the future screams that He is a giver. He gave His only Son for our salvation. He gave us His Spirit. He gave us His Word.



Here is some more insight into God's giving. He gives liberally. And, when He gives, He does not upbraid. Going back to our word study, we discovered that **"upbraideth"** means **"to disgrace (insult), reproach; mock (curse); insult, cast blame (create shame) – viewing someone (something) as culpably guilty and therefore deserving punishment."** The only way I know to understand this is that God does not judge me based on who I really am. Instead, God's grace sees me as His. Thus, when I come to Him with a true desire for His wisdom, He sees me as His own and does not judge me. He does not look upon me with disgrace or even cast blame. He simply acknowledges my request for His wisdom and gives it liberally.



### **What is NOT RIGHT?**

It is NOT RIGHT to seek wisdom from any source other than God. (Implied)



### **How to GET RIGHT?**

If you LACK wisdom, then get right with God's wisdom is ask for it. Prayer is the key. Later we will learn in James that **"...ye have not, because ye ask not."** (James 4:2)



### **How to STAY RIGHT?**

Every day should start with acknowledging that we need God's wisdom. All of us lack it.

Our problem is we are constantly leaning on our own understanding. Staying right means each day humbling ourselves, asking for His wisdom, spending time in the wisdom of His Word, and then simply obeying His wisdom as we yield to His Spirit.

## Conclusion

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So, verse 5 clearly teaches that we are to seek God's wisdom. A reality check verifies that all of us are truly lacking in true wisdom. Therefore, we should be seeking His. As we do and if we do in sincerity of heart, God will give us wisdom. He will give liberally. He will not upbraid us. He will simply give what we ask. Now, there is a stipulation. We will find that out next week when we do our study of verse 6. Let me close by encouraging you this week to seek and ask for God's wisdom. Do not rely on yours or another person's wisdom. Man's wisdom is earthly, sensual, and devilish. It will lead you down the wrong path every time. Instead, go the source of true wisdom. Go to God with a sincere heart, read His Word, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you with TRUE WISDOM from above.

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<sup>i</sup> Grammatical Analysis was done using the following resources – [www.biblehub.com](http://www.biblehub.com) and Vines Dictionary of N.T. Words written by W.E. Vine.