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But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Our Request for Wisdom

- We need merely and freely to ask as often as needed
- Wisdom in this context is, living life with its tests in correspondence to reality so that we endure with joy.

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- Wisdom: to take what I know about the true God and ask that the Spirit of God might transform that knowledge into an intimate knowledge of Him and His delight.

Jn. 17:3 ; Isa. 11:2-3

God's Response to our Request

- He is not discriminatory
- He is not miserly: generous and single-minded
- He is not judgmental

The Requirement for Wisdom

- God requires that our asking be wholly in faith
Faith is not self-generated or subjective, but solely grounded in the Person and Promise of God; “all in on Him”
- God despises the 2-souled person; no “hedging of faith”
A divided heart is fickle, not fixed on Him