

WISDOM

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JAMES 1:5-8

James teaches us what prevents us from receiving from God. In context, he specifically refers to receiving wisdom to help us navigate life's challenges. Wisdom enables us to apply knowledge to our benefit.

- Captain Sullenberger (Sully) is a perfect example. Had he acted on the simulation data, his plane would've crashed.

JAMES 3:13-18 KJV, MSG

Wisdom has two sources:

- 1.) **GEN. 3:16** Earthly, sensual, and devilish wisdom from a snake.
- 2.) **PR. 2:6** Heaven from above that comes from God.
(JOB 28:12-28 MSG).

Solomon's Wisdom 1 **KINGS 3:9-12 NLT**

Solomon's life teaches us how frail we are. His wisdom came from a close walk with God. When he drifted away from God, earthly wisdom caused his apostasy (**ECCL. 2:1-11 NLT**).

- Horatio Spafford "It is not well with my soul". Drifted away from God, believed he was the Messiah, taught universalism, even Satan will be saved, there is no hell and opened a "cult" work called the American Colony in Jerusalem. The evil practices were unthinkable. His wife was the priestess god that others had to confess their sins to.

Conclusion:

We all need wisdom to navigate the difficult challenges of life. We all need to retain wisdom by walking close to God and pursuing wisdom more than silver or gold. James reveals what Godly wisdom looks like.