

When we think of the need for wisdom, it is usually in the context of a decision we need to make. But when James wrote his epistle, he discussed wisdom in a deeper context. He wrote to the Jews who had been scattered among the nations and were experiencing trials and persecution. (James 1:1-2) They needed wisdom for living as followers of Christ in a spiritually unfriendly world. He told them where to start when needing wisdom: ask God. (verse 5)

James wrote that whenever we need wisdom in life, we can ask God and He will supply it generously. We indeed need wisdom in many practical areas of life. But what about wisdom for navigating carefully through the challenges of an increasingly dark world? Those challenges appear all the time - spiritually, morally, physically, financially - and require great wisdom. Besides praying for wisdom in the specific areas that arise in life, we should also pray daily for wisdom to walk wisely through this world.

Get in the habit of asking God daily for wisdom to walk in ways pleasing to Him. (Ephesians 4:1)

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."