



“The Divided Heart”

James 1: 5-8

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How have you seen God working this week in your life or in someone you know?

Read James 1:5-8.

1. When facing a hard decision, where do you usually go first for wisdom?
2. James says, “If any of you lacks wisdom...” Why is it important to admit that we lack wisdom before asking God for it?
3. Recall a time when you didn’t seek God’s wisdom and things turned out poorly. What was it that kept you from seeking His wisdom? What did you learn from it?
4. What does this passage show us about God’s attitude toward people who ask Him for help?
5. Why are we sometimes tempted to choose worldly advice even when we know God’s way is better?
6. Being “double-minded” is to say that a person doubts God by seeking Him, while also seeking what they want or what the world has to offer. Some examples are:
 - Wanting God’s wisdom but still chasing the world’s approval.
 - Praying for guidance but only accepting the answer we already wanted.
 - Seeking advice from people until someone agrees with us. Which of these examples can you relate to? How can you avoid them?
7. What is one loyalty, desire, fear, or habit that competes with your trust in God? What would it take for you to surrender it to Him?

Take a few minutes to pray silently. Ask God to show you where you find yourself seeking Him for wisdom while still holding on to control. Ask for forgiveness and communicate your desire to surrender this area to Him.

What now?

This week, identify one area where you need wisdom and honestly pray, “God, I lack wisdom here. Show me what to do. I surrender my will to you and declare that Your answer matters more than the answer I desire.”

Reminders:

- Senior Celebration and Student Weekend: Saturday, May 16th is the Senior Breakfast in the Student Center! Sunday, May 17th is Student Takeover, Fundraiser, and Senior Recognition during both services! We are in need of **donations for the silent auction** during the fundraiser. Contact Caitlyn at caitlynr@harpethcc.com if you’d like to donate.

- Teaching Opportunities: Are you looking for a teaching opportunity or know of anyone who would like to teach? Renew Christian Academy (**RCA**) is hiring for part time positions for the **2026-2027 school year!** Contact Shannon Carpino at shannonc@renewchristianacademy.com or scan QR code for more info.



- Summer Studies and DK Summer Camp: Mark your calendars for Wednesday Evenings in June for **Summer Studies, and DK Summer Camp!** There will be 4 classes offered at Harpeth: “Conversational Evangelism,” “A Study of the Psalms,” “Marriage Communication,” and “Going Deeper in Prayer.” DK Summer Camp will meet at the same time. Visit the Harpeth Hub for more info!

