

James 1 - When You Don't Know What To Do Pt.2

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James 1:5-8

5 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.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Hearing from God requires...

- *meditation and a heart focused on the Word of God*
- *a heart in which all desires and self-will are surrendered*
- *practice...practice...practice*
- *willingness to risk mistakes*

Hebrews 8:10–13

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

THE WAYS GOD STILL SPEAKS TODAY (to me!)

1. HIS WORD

Proverbs 6:20-23

20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

2. **THE INNER VOICE OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT**

Isaiah 30:19–22

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: Thou shalt weep no more: He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; When he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, **Yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, But thine eyes shall see thy teachers:**

21 **AND THINE EARS SHALL HEAR A WORD BEHIND THEE, SAYING, THIS IS THE WAY, WALK YE IN IT, WHEN YE TURN TO THE RIGHT HAND, AND WHEN YE TURN TO THE LEFT.**

22 Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, And the ornament of thy molten images of gold: Thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; Thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

3. **GODLY COUNSEL**

Proverbs 12:15

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."

Proverbs 19:20

"Hear counsel, and receive instruction, That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end."

Proverbs 11:14

"Where no counsel is, the people fall: But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

Proverbs 15:22

"Without counsel purposes are disappointed: But in the multitude of counsellors they are established."

Proverbs 20:18

"Every purpose is established by counsel: And with good advice make war."

Proverbs 24:5–6

5 A wise man is strong; Yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: And in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 27:9

"Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: So doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel."

We must be cautious and discerning with whom we receive counsel from and with whom we open our heart and life to.

Hebrews 6:12
"That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Hebrews 13:7

"Remember (*mindful, to call to mind*) them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

2 Corinthians 12:17–18

17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

18 I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

2 Corinthians 11:4

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

4. **CIRCUMSTANCES**

We are not to be controlled by circumstances, but we must be able to discern God's sovereignty at work behind the circumstances.

Acts 8:14–17

14 Now **when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:**

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 16:7–9

7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, **if the Lord permit.**

8 But **I will tarry at Ephesus** until Pentecost.

9 **For a great door and effectual is opened unto me,** and there are many adversaries.

2 Corinthians 2:12–13

12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and **a door was opened unto me of the Lord,**

13 **I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother:** but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

Revelation 3:7–8

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, **he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;**

8 I know thy works: behold, **I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it:** for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.