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He wants you to live in His freedom.

The Gifts Of Christ: *We have <u>wisdom</u> from God.*
James 1:5 *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, Who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.* **(NIV)**

True wisdom is something you can only get from God. There is no way to obtain wisdom on your own. Wisdom is seeing things from God's perspective. Since our LORD knows everything; since He's the maker of all things; it just makes sense that He is the only source of true wisdom.

James says that if we lack wisdom, we are to seek it from the only source that has it. We are to ask of God. We don't gain wisdom from reading a technical book or 'googling' something, we receive it ultimately from the Father. And I love how James puts it when he says *'Who gives generously to all without finding fault.* That means that the LORD desires to pour out His wisdom into our hearts. He is never trying to withhold His wisdom so that He alone has it, but instead, just like His great love, He wants to give and give and give. Wisdom is not only the knowledge about something, but then the ability to use that knowledge in accordance with God's plan and purpose. I have known many people who were very intelligent and knew great amounts of facts who had very little wisdom. It reminds me of our Lord's teaching in **Mk. 8:34-36** *Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?* **(NIV)** How many have looked to this world and its riches to fulfill or complete them, but it never could.

Dear LORD, help us to look to You because You are the giver of all good things. You are the holder of all wisdom. Help us to look to You alone because You alone are wise. You hold all wisdom in Your hands. In Jesus Name, Amen