

Pastor John Preaching



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The Bible wasn't given just to increase our knowledge, the Bible was given to change our life...

- **today we ask the spirit of God**
- **to use the word of God**
- **to transform us to be like the Son of God**

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Colossians 1:9 (NLT).

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and knowledge.

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Ephesians 1:16-17 (NLT).

I have not stopped thanking you. I pray for you constantly, 17 asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

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James 1:5-12 (NIV).

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the

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sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. 9 The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position.

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10 But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wildflower. 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away

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even while he goes about his business. 12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

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James 3:13 (NIV). Who is wise and understanding among you? (Notice how it measures wisdom). Let them show it by their good life, by deeds in the humility that comes from wisdom.

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 - a) An attitude that communicates God's inability or unwillingness to meet my needs.**
 - b) Our own inner uncertainty about whether we really want God to give or not.**

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3. **If wisdom is in place it will help keep eternity in view.**

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James 1:12 (New Century Version)

When people are tested and still continue strong, they should be happy. After they have proved their faith, God will reward them with life forever. God promised this to those who love Him.

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Romans 8:18 (NLT).

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later.

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**The Grace of God
can be trusted
when love is
tested.**

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