

James 1:2-19 (NKJV)
2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
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.
6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
9 Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,
10 but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away.
11 For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes.
So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.
12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.
13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.
14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.
16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren,
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.
19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

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Wisdom?

1. Advancing through various forms of testing:

2. Understanding wisdom from an Old Testament concept:

Exodus 35:35-36:1 (NKJV)

35 He has filled them with **skill** to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.

1 And **Bezaleel and Aholiab**, and every gifted artisan in whom the **Lord has put wisdom** and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the Lord has commanded."

hāsk-mā(h), n.fem., 1 Str 2451; TWOT 647a—1. LN 32.32 wisdom, i.e., the capacity to **hāsk** 2463 understand and so have **skill** in living, implying adherence to a set standard (Dt 4:6; 1Ks 5:9(EB 4:29)); 2. LN 55 **skill** 1a-w (hā 10.13); 3. LN 28.1-28.16 **skill**, i.e., a technical ability to do a **craft** (Ex 28:3)

3.

The New Testament use of this word wisdom: is acquired through the difficult work of attending Bible study, setting our minds on the doctrines being taught, and **meditating** on those doctrines. This is accomplished through personal volition.

At the same time the Holy Spirit is at work in the background making these doctrines understandable to us.

1 Corinthians 2:13 (NKJV)
13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing **spiritual things with spiritual**

4462 πνευματικός (**pneumatikos**), ἡ (f), dv (nt); adj. [See πνευματικός (pneumatikos), oī (m), o (f), just above]; 1 Str 4:152; TDNT 6:335—1. LN 12.21 from the Spirit, pertaining to the Spirit

James 1:2-7 (NKJV)

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

As we go through these situations of tests we get an opportunity to apply doctrine, as we apply doctrine we then persevere and endure, and the result of that is that we progress towards maturity in our spiritual life.

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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.

5053 σοφία (**sophia**), ας (s), ἡ (f); n.fem.; = DBLHebr 2689; Str 4948; TDNT 7:465—1. LN 32.32 **wisdom**, prudence, discretion, i.e., the capacity to understand, and hence act. wisely (Col 1:12)

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

4. Academic knowledge:

Ephesians 3:14-19 (NKJV)

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—

19 to know the love of Christ which passes **knowledge**, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

1294 γνῶσις, **gnōsis**, εως (adv), ἡ (f); n.fem.; = DBLHebr 1981; Str 1108; TDNT 1:889—1. LN 28.1 acquaintance with, knowledge of (JA 1:77); 2. LN 28.17 **knowledge**, the content of what is known

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2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV)

3 As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through **knowledge** of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2386 ἐπιγνώσις, **epignōsis**, εως (adv), ἡ (f); n.fem.; 1 Str 1922; TDNT 1:889—1. LN 28.2 knowledge; to possess information (Pho 1:28), for another interp. see last; 2. LN 28.18 **knowledge**, the content of what is known

6. The means for acquiring doctrine:

7. Justification:

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)

14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are **spiritually** discerned.

8. Sanctification: Advancing through various forms of testing

John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.
32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

2412 μαθητής, **mathētēs**, ας (adv), ὁ (m); n.masc.; = Str 1000; TDNT 4:445—1. LN 36.38 follower, often a disciple who is a believer and close follower, though other less committed relationships are indicated (Mt 8:21; Mt 12:45; Lk 14:25; Ac 6:2); 2. LN 27.36 pupil, student, one tutored, implying a closer relationship than mere information (Mt 23:23; cf.)

Increase knowledge—Increase wisdom/skill to perform—Increased capacity to appreciate eternal things

Exodus 35:13 (ESV)

13 Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show the **new** your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NKJV)
23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Proverbs 4:18-19 (NKJV)
18 But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.

Pastor teacher:

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NKJV)

11 And **He Himself gave** some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some

pastors and teachers

Purpose

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Goal

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the fullness of Christ;
14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.
15 But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—
16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint possesses, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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The concept of a mining analogy is used once again in:

1 Corinthians 2:7-10 (NKJV)

7 But we speak the **wisdom** of God in a mystery, the hidden **wisdom** which God ordained before the ages for our glory,
8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

10 But **God has revealed them to us** through His Spirit. For **the Spirit searches** all things, yes, **the deep things of God**

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