**HOW TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND**

**Developing a Faith That Works**

James 1:5-11

Immediately after speaking about problems (vs. 2-4), James dealt with the matter of decision- making. The quality of your life will be determined by the wisdom or foolishness of your decisions.

**I. THE PROBLEM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*"A doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways."* (vs. 8 KJV)

 "DOUBLE-MINDED": "two-souled"

 Indecision causes ...

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**II. THE PRESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 5-6a)**

 James suggests 3 practical steps:

 STEP ONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *"If any of you lack wisdom ..."* (vs. 5a)

 Definition of Wisdom:

 ("sophia")

 *"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom."* Prov. 11:2

 STEP TWO: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *" ... he should ask God ..."* (vs 5b)

 *"It is the Lord who gives wisdom; from Him comes knowledge*

 *and understanding."* Prov. 2:6 (GN)

 STEP THREE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *"But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt ..."* (vs. 6)

 *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."* Heb. 11:6

**III. THE PROMISE: GOD WILL GIVE IT!**

 *"... Ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."* (vs. 5c)

How God gives:

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