

Message notes

**HOW TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND**  
**Developing a Faith That Works – Part 3**  
**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 ...

\* Unstable \_\_\_\_\_

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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."* Proverbs 11:2

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

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

*"It is the Lord who gives wisdom; from Him comes knowledge and understanding."* Proverbs. 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."* Hebrews 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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