

PROGRESS WEEK 07

WEEKLY READING JAMES 5:1-19

SHORT SUMMARY

Drawing from James 1:5-6, we are encouraged to ask God for wisdom without doubting, and in Proverbs 24 that wisdom builds a strong life. We should be careful against using wisdom to justify our own desires and instead align with God's guidance from the start. In relationships, wisdom helps us manage emotions, like anger, to make better choices rather than continually fixing mistakes.

Using Daniel's story, we see how wisdom calls us to make choices that add value to our lives, even when easier options are available. The importance of what we consume—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—is highlighted through Jesus' teaching about trees and their fruit, urging us to choose what is beneficial. Lastly, build on your potential don't bury it out of fear, use your gifts and seek wisdom in areas like parenting or finances to live a faithful, God-honouring life.

KEY SCRIPTURE — JAMES 1:5-8 NIV

"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. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do."

DANIEL 1:20 NIV

"...In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom..."

PRAYER

Father God, thank You for Your word that challenges and guides us. Help us to be fruitful like good trees, making wise choices. Give us the courage to confront the areas in our lives that need change and to trust You, even when it's difficult. May Your wisdom multiply in all we do. In Jesus name, Amen.

SUNDAY

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SERMON TITLE WISDOM TO BUILD YOUR LIFE	
SPEAKER PHIL DOOLEY	Q2 LIKE DANIEL, ARE THERE TEMPTING OR EASIER OPTIONS IN YOUR LIFE THAT MAY NOT ADD VALUE? HOW CAN YOU MAKE DECISIONS THAT HONOR YOUR FAITH AND LONG-TERM WELL-BEING?
	Q3 WHAT ARE SOME GIFTS OR TALENTS YOU MIGHT BE "BURYING" OUT OF FEAR OR COMPLACENCY, AND HOW CAN YOU BEGIN USING THEM TO BUILD A LIFE THAT HONORS GOD?



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