

## **“James: Authentic Christianity (2) – Wisdom and Faith” (1:5-12)**

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as *Matured Saints, Lacking Nothing*

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*Ask God* for *Wisdom* and *Rest* in His *Goodness* that He will granted it *Generously*

**B. *Lack of Faith* (1:6-8)? *Faith* – a *Prerequisite* to receive *God’s Wisdom***

*God* can do anything for one who’s made up his *Mind* to *Trust* His *Sovereignty*,  
but *Little* or *Nothing* for the *Double-minded*

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**A. The *Hope* of an *Unfading Spiritual Standing* (1:9-11)**

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