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James 1:7

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Today's verse from James 1:7 is part of a profound idea explained in verses 5 through 8. James has written that God stands ready and willing to give away wisdom – for free and without finding fault – to all who ask Him for it. But they must ask believing that God is trustworthy to give wisdom. Just as a lifter must be willing to follow the direction of his or her coach both in training and on the competitive platform, followers of Christ must be ready to act on the wisdom He gives.

Those who see God's way as only one of many options, however, will spend their lives being driven back and forth by whatever wind blows strongest. A person who comes to God, asking for wisdom, but without faith – continuing to shop around for sources of wisdom contrary to God – will be like a wave tossed around by the wind. Looking for other ways to receive God's wisdom, such as other Christian advisors, is not the same thing as looking for options *separate* from God's will.

Here, in verse 7, James makes it clear that the faithless person shouldn't expect to receive any wisdom from God:

That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.



God cares deeply that His children, believers in Jesus, will trust Him exclusively. He has no interest in being one booth we visit in the marketplace of theological ideas. He wants to be our first and final stop.

If we don't trust Him exclusively, we will receive no wisdom from Him at all.

In Christ, Spero



*For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.*

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