

**“A Practical Response to Trials”**  
**James 1: 5-12**

**Key Question:**

***How does God want us to respond when we find ourselves in the middle of a trial of life?***

**1. Trials should intensify your p\_\_\_\_\_ life. (v.5)**

Three Elements of Wisdom:

- a. K\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Perspective
- c. E\_\_\_\_\_

Dr. George Cross, former president of Oklahoma University said, *“The reason universities are called storehouses of knowledge is that freshman bring so much of it to the campus and the seniors take so little of it away.”*

**Why We Don’t Ask:**

- a. “I’m unworthy. In light of all I’ve done, I don’t deserve anything from God.
- b. “God is too busy. My needs are so small compared to everyone else’s needs.”
- c. “Why, Lord, why?”
- d. Self Sufficiency. I don’t really need God help.
- e. We doubt God’s ability to answer and give.

- **Why We Must Ask for Wisdom (v.5)**

*“Oh, the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?”*  
Romans 11:33

*“For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”*  
Proverbs 2:6

- **How We Must Ask for Wisdom (vv.6-7)**

**2. Trials serve to increase the h\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. (vv.9-10)**

- For the poor Christian- *“brother in humble circumstances”*
- For the rich Christian- *“take pride in his low position”*

**3. Persevering through trials NOW proves salvation. . . salvation ultimately results in eternal r\_\_\_\_\_ in the FUTURE! (v.12)**