

# Give Us Wisdom LORD!!!

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Intro: There's an awesome commercial on TV right now. It makes me laugh every time. Hopefully you've seen it. There's this guy in the nurse's office @ his high school and he's got his fist stuck in his mouth. The nurse translates what the teenaged boy is muttering through his fist. She says, "Yesterday my friends told me to smoke some pot, and I did. Then today they said I should try to fit my fist into my mouth. It fits, but I can't get it out. I'm an idiot. I'm under the influence of others, and that ain't me. That's what he said."

**SLOGAN-** Live above the influence, above them, above weed.

This commercial shows what it's like to be a teenager that is influenced too much by his peers. Most of us here would have had enough sense not to get their fist stuck in their mouth, but what about other stuff... There are a lot of things our friends might try to influence us to do... Some things people influence us to do could be good things, but some stuff the crowd is doing is not cool. We need wisdom to make the right choices no matter what the crowd is doing.

## James 1:5-8 NIV

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.  
 [6] But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. [7] That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

It's obvious that we need wisdom to make the right choices. But how do we get wisdom??? Where does wisdom come from???

Have a student read:

Proverbs 2:6 NIV

**For the Lord gives wisdom,  
and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.**

Ask: Where does wisdom come from???

THE LORD

### **1. Wisdom Comes From God**

God is the one that gives wisdom to people. God can give us wisdom in a lot of different ways. Often God will help your parents to have wisdom and they can tell you something that will really benefit you if you listen. If you listen to your parents, you have wisdom. Teachers at school will teach you knowledge, if you take that knowledge and use it, you have wisdom. If your friends at school tell you to stick your fist in your mouth, and you don't then you have, at least a little bit, of wisdom. A lot of wisdom can be gathered from experience. But no matter how you learn wisdom, ultimately all wisdom is from God.

Since wisdom is a gift from God, as a Christian teenager we should want to have wisdom.

### **2. Wise Teens Ask for Wisdom Reread James 1:5**

If you want wisdom, you should ask God for it. God's not going to give you wisdom if you don't want it.

I've met people that were convinced that "ignorance is bliss". They didn't want to know anything about God, because then they would have to live right. They didn't want to know what the Bible could teach them about life... because then they would have to change what they were doing.

Some people think it's smart to ignore the truth, but they are really stupid!!! What does the Bible say about people that ignore wisdom???

Have a student read:

**Proverbs 1:7 NIV**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.**

The world will tell you there is no God. The world will tell you to do whatever you want, as long as you have fun. But the world is ignoring the truth. FOOLS despise wisdom and discipline. God wants what is best for you, and I want what is best for you. God wants to give you wisdom, but you have to ask for it. And when you ask for wisdom you have to believe God will give it to you.

**3. When You Ask for Wisdom, Believe It (James 1:6-8)**

What happens to a canoe if it is in really rough water, and a giant wave hits it sideways???

It will tip over. Don't be like a canoe in a storm. Don't let your faith bounce up and down every time someone challenges it. Don't be like the double-minded man in James. Make up your mind to ask for wisdom from God. God will give you wisdom. ONLY BELIEVE and let nothing shake your faith that God will come through for you.

**Wisdom is not something that will come all at once. But today let's make a statement that we will begin seeking after wisdom. All of us need more of God's wisdom in our lives, so we'll ask God for it together.**