

Songs for Sunday Worship Time:

Before Message:

You Shine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZPoCRI0uHM>
Forever Reign https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3f3sNiYpuF4&list=RD3f3sNiYpuF4&start_radio=1
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nbMfLQd2P4>

After Message:

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oibli1rz7mw>

Outline: Scripture: James 1:5-11

Message: "How to Make Wise Decisions!"

1. The Challenge of Making Wise Decisions

- The quality of one's life is determined by the decisions we make
- A barrier to wise decisions is our tendency to be indecisive

James 1:8 "They are double-minded and unstable in all they do."

- Our indecision makes life more stressful

James 1:7 "Those who doubt should not think they will receive anything from the Lord."

- Our indecision can lead to a double life on a spiritual level

2. How We Learn to Make Wise Decisions

James 1:5 "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."

- We need to admit our need for wisdom
- We become wise by looking at things from God's perspective

Proverbs 11:2 "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom."

- Having humility is the key to growing in wisdom

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God."

- We need to pray to God for wisdom

Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding."

1 Kings 3:5 "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

1 Kings 3:9 "Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong."

- Trust that God gives wisdom for those who ask

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

James 1:5 "God ... gives generously to all without finding fault."

Matthew 5:24 "No one can serve two masters ... you cannot serve both God and money."

- We grow in wisdom by looking to God's Word

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

- We can find wisdom from other people
- We gain wisdom through the leading of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:14 "The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit."

- When we look to God as our number one influence

Matthew 5:24 "No one can serve two masters."

- Jesus is the bridge to bring us back to God's way of wisdom
- Jesus gives us the stability we need in these uncertain times