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Need wisdom today?

James 3:17 says, “The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere” (NLT). Hi, this is Florence MacKenzie at Equipped for Living. Are my decisions based on pure motives? Does my behaviour promote peace or generate strife? Will my actions be gentle? Am I prepared to give way to others? Am I merciful, showing no partiality and plenty of sincerity? I look at this list and I’m tempted to think it’s beyond me. How can I ever exercise wisdom like this? If you’re asking the same sort of question, James comes to our rescue in 1:5 where he writes: “If you need wisdom – if you want to know what God wants you to do – ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking” (NLT). Ready to ask the Lord for the wisdom you need for today?

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Lost words #1 – belief

Hi, this is James MacKenzie at Equipped for Living. One of the words that I think is disappearing from the Christian vocabulary is BELIEF. This is perhaps one of the most worrying words to lose. I was recently on a church website and found plenty about their purpose, vision and values. But I didn’t find a single mention of their beliefs. Fewer and fewer Christian organisations, even churches, seem to have a clear statement of faith. Does this mean they don’t think it actually matters any more what we believe? It seems that belonging is often more important than believing. After all, are beliefs not divisive? What if people believe different things? They might fall out and unity will be disrupted. Or so the thinking goes. But we need to clearly know what we believe. And, as followers of Jesus Christ, we need to know that our beliefs are in line with what God says in the Bible.

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