

## Turning the Crap of Life, Into the Fruit of the Spirit Making The Right Choice

*How do we make the right choice, the one Christ wants for our life living in the Fruit of the Spirit with the materials the world provides? How can we deal with the desire to do what we feel is right versus doing what God's Word commands us to do? Dealing with the difference is key to enjoying the fruits of the Spirit.*

### 1. Ask for God's Wisdom

#### **James 1:5**

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James tells us that God is seeking to provide wisdom, or usable knowledge for the events of life. God gives liberally, bountifully, the way God gives is always meant to be more and more to fill us up as it were. He never taunts us with what He provides. By giving to us without reproach, He shows that He is not going to chide or taunt us with a small amount, but gives us all we need. God is seeking to give us the wisdom, the knowledge to accomplish His will for our lives each day, all we must do is ask.

### 2. Read God's Word

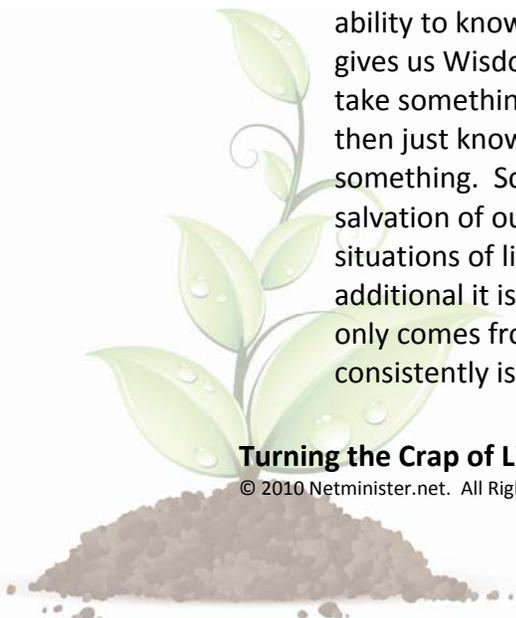
#### **2 Timothy 3:15**

... and that from your childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus

Like James, Timothy is expressing that from our childhood we have had the ability to know God's will for our life through His Word, the Bible. That Word gives us Wisdom, the same word used there is used in James 1:5, the ability to take something you know and use it appropriately that is wisdom. It is more than just knowing something, it is applying what we know to accomplish something. Scripture is able to lead us to salvation, but more than just the salvation of our soul, it gives us the ability to be delivered, or rescued from situations of life which come to us. Salvation is once and forever for our soul in addition it is rescue for the times in life when we need help. But that salvation only comes from reliance (our faith) on Christ Jesus. It is our profession that consistently is reaffirmed in our life.

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### 3. Through Godly People

#### **Proverbs 11:14**

Where there is no guidance, the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory and deliverance.

Solomon, the king of Israel is telling us that guidance, the ability to find the place we are going, must be provided through an abundance of people with the Godly ability to provide sound guidance we find rescue. Without such guidance, the people fall, in this case they give up. The word means to abandon your efforts and walk away. How many in church leave because of lack of Godly counsel? How often do we get discouraged and abandon an effort because of lack of Godly counsel?

### 4. Through God's Peace

#### **James 3:17**

But the wisdom from above is first pure then peaceable, gentle, reasonable or willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy

Like all things in the life of a believer, we have a choice. And even when we choose the right way, we have to deal with what the world has to say about our decision. So which will you follow? The path that God has laid out with the blessings and the trails it brings or the one the world uses which leads to destruction?



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