

Good morning! One of the great things I have discovered over many years of reading the Bible is that it is a practical book. It's not a book about church or about meetings---it's about life. The Bible offers us spiritual insight, that's true; but I've learned that whatever is truly spiritual is also very practical. We may not see the practicality of it at first, but that's because we must learn it from God. If you have been following Jesus for very long, you have discovered this for yourself. In the Old Testament, God led His people into a promised land. In the New Testament, God also leads His people into a land of promises. It took the Israelites a long time to claim the whole inheritance God had provided. Even after Israel had won many victories and gained much territory, God still said to them, "*Very much of the land remains to be possessed.*" The same is true for us. Like the Israelites in the Old Testament, we often enter into only a small part of the provision God has promised us. One of those promises is wisdom--- God promises that you can have it. Do you want it? This morning, let's explore that promise as we read two passages together:

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. James 1:5

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth."
John 16:13

In today's first passage, we read God's promise that He will give wisdom to "any" of us. All we have to do is ask God, "*Who gives generously to all without finding fault.*" Isn't that an amazing promise? God will generously give wisdom to all who need it. Even better, God won't find fault with us for lacking wisdom and needing to ask for it. Why? Because He already knows we lack wisdom. The promise is that "*It will be given to you.*" I think one reason---maybe the main reason ---we don't have the wisdom we