“Ask of God”

Review: James 1:1-4

A. God, who is over all, uses trials to test (_____) our faith which in turn builds perseverance (steadfastness and ________) in us.

1. As we understand what God through the trial is working in us, we can consider it all with a deep _______ _______.

James 1:5-11

I. “If any of you lacks ________, let him _______ of God.”

A. The word “wisdom” as used here refers to ________ wisdom - wisdom that comes from God. It is that which provides a deep knowledge, understanding, and _________.

1. This wisdom, though it sees past the surface and has the eternal perspective, immediately applies itself in a sense _______ our thoughts, attitudes, actions, and reactions.
   a. This wisdom is ________ if we have any intention to serve God faithfully and cooperate with His good work in our lives.

2. We need God’s wisdom that we may _______ _________.
   a. If one does not consider it all joy as they face their trials, they _______ godly wisdom.

3. We must _______ God _________ Him for His wisdom.
   a. God gives wisdom ________ to those who ask of Him.
   b. To those who ask, God dispenses wisdom generously and without ____________.

B. One must ask in ________ believing what is ____________.

1. Family, letting go of our human wisdom and ____________ to His Word, we must recognize our need of divine wisdom and come to Him in faith, ________ of God. Such a one He will grant wisdom. And with the wisdom of God, we will rightly ________ the Word of God and consider it all joy as we face our trials.
II. Two examples of wise ______________.

A. The wisdom of God teaches the ________ man to glory (rejoice) in his _________ position.

1. The world may consider us to be low because we love Christ, and the world may persecute us because we stand for Christ, and the world may uproot us and steal away all of our earthly goods because they hate Christ and therefore hate us who are in Christ, but we possess a high heavenly position for we have ______! To suffer loss for Christ is immeasurably better than not knowing Christ for such loss is temporal! But the ________ in knowing Christ is ______________!

2. Though the world may bring us low, we are a people who are ________ of _______ and in that _________ position we rejoice!

B. The wisdom of God teaches the ________ man to glory in his ________________.

1. In the kind mercy of God, God will use the trials of life to teach the rich man how temporal and passing riches are. A rich man should rejoice when he is humiliated, for in it ________ is ______________ ________.

C. Just as the wisdom of God calls a rich man to rejoice when he is humiliated, for in it God is keeping him; and just as the wisdom of God calls the poor man to rejoice in his high position - that he is counted worthy to share in the sufferings of Christ, for in it God is keeping Him; we must consider it all ______ when we face the various trials of life for in them God is _____________ us. This is the wisdom of God.

By ______________ we gain deep insight as to the good God works in us through the trials of life. Thus we are enabled to ______________ consider it all joy as we encounter the trials of life.

This wisdom is found in God __________.
If we lack wisdom, we must ________ of God for He gives wisdom generously and without reproach, to all who ask in ________.

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