

Christ the King Kids Notes

"Purity of Heart is to Will One Thing"

James 1:5-8

A. What we need: _____

- "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom"
~Proverbs 4:7
- Wisdom: knowledge _____ into keen insight and discernment
- Wisdom is forged over time — often in the _____ of suffering
- Wisdom is forged over time through habitual _____
- Wisdom is gained in _____
- Wisdom is primarily a _____ we receive with gratitude

B. Why we lack wisdom: we are "_____ - minded"

- "To vacillate"... "To halt between two opinions"... "To have a foot in two _____"
 - Waves in a storm: "The one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and _____ by the wind."
 - 1. Doubt
 - One's _____ remains up in the air
 - Doubt is not necessarily the same thing as lack of faith. Doubt that never _____ is double-mindedness.
 - 2. Double-minded
 - a. A reluctance to _____
 - b. A matter of sovereignty -- "Waves" vs. the LORD
 - c. A breakdown of faith. What rules our hearts: the waves or the Lord?
- The question is this: What is _____ --the waves or the Lord?

C. How do we gain wisdom?

1. We ask for it! "Let him ask from the giving God..."
God's Nature is to give--"freely"/"unreservedly"
2. We ask for more faith!
3. The blessing of "lack." "God humbles us with great _____ that He might turn us to prayer"
~ James Manton

D. Salvation Belongs to the Lord

1. The Lord is Sovereign
 2. The Lord is good "God never tires of doing His people good"
 - Keep turning and returning to the Lord
 - It is not the strength of your faith but the _____ of your faith that actually saves you."
~Tim Keller
 - On Christ the _____ we stand!
- a. A reluctance to commit
- Often born of convenience
 - Keep options open--the back-door open
 - Keeps us in neutral
 - We keep looking over the fence
 - "The central temptation which, often in subtle ways, haunts every marriage: the lack of wholehearted commitment. There is a secret resentment of the demands of marriage, a reluctance to give way any more than is absolutely necessary. There is a constant temptation to pull back from the full intensity of the relationship, to get along on only the basic requirements." (Mike Mason, *The Mystery of Marriage*)
 - True love does not mean we are rinsed of all uncertainty
 - We are single in purpose
- b. A matter of sovereignty
- Idolatry
 - What is sovereign--the _____ or the Lord?
- c. A breakdown of faith