**How to Become Smart**

James 1:5-8 & Romans 12:3

**I. Ways to Get Smart**

A. The popular ways to get smart.

 1. Get an E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. Learn by E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 3. Associate with W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.

B. God’s way to get smart.

 1. S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the word of God - II Timothy 3:14-17.

 2. Ask God for W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v5; II Chronicles 1:6-12; Daniel 9:20-23 & Ephesians 1:15-17.

**II. Remember How the Giver Gives - v5**

A. He gives G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 8:32.

B. He gives to all who A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - James 4:2.

C. He gives without any E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of return - King James Version is “God upbraideth not”.

D. He promises that askers will R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 7:7-11.

**III. Remember How the Asker Asks - v6-8**

A. Ask in F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 1. Faith = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. Examples of how pleased the Lord was of faith.

 a. Matthew 8:5-10.

 b. Matthew 15:21-28.

2. What does God think of you when you don’t trust Him?

 1. You are like a W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the sea - v6.

 2. You are D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minded - v8.

 3. You are U\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v8.

 4. What would you think if you made a promise to your child but he didn’t trust you to fulfill it?

C. Trust in the Lord’s W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and His P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to give to you - Matthew 8:1-3.

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