**James 1:5-8**

**5** If any of you lacks wisdom,let him ask God,who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. **6** Butlet him ask in faith,with no doubting (opposing/hesitating/wavering), for the one who doubts is likea wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. **7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded [vacillating] man, unstable [inconsistent] in all his ways.** ESV

**5** If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. **6** But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt (opposing/hesitating/wavering), because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind**. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded [vacillating] man, unstable [inconsistent] in all he does.** NIV

**5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. **6** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. **7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 *he is* a double-minded [vacillating] man, unstable [inconsistent] in all his ways**. NKJV

**5** If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. **6** But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. **7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided [vacillating] between God and the world, and they are unstable [inconsistent] in everything they do.** NLV

**Matthew 14:31**

**31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, **"O you of little faith [‎lacking confidence], why did you doubt [waver]?"** ESV

**31** Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. **"You of little faith [‎lacking confidence]," he said, "why did you doubt [waver]?"**  NIV

**31** And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, **"O you of little faith [‎lacking confidence], why did you doubt [waver]?"** **32** And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. NKJV

**31** Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. **"You have so little faith [‎lacking confidence],"** Jesus said. **"Why did you doubt me[waver]?"** NLV

**1 John 3:21-24**

**21** Beloved, **if our heart does not condemn [find fault with] us, we have confidence [assurance] before God**; **22** andwhatever we ask we receive from him, **because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him**. **23 And this is his commandment that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another**,just as he has commanded us. **24** Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. Andby this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. ESV

**21** Dear friends, **if our hearts do not condemn [find fault with] us, we have confidence [assurance] before God** **22** and receive from him anything we ask; **because we obey his commands and do what pleases him**. **23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another** as he commanded us. **24** Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. NIV

**21** Beloved, **if our heart does not condemn [find fault with] us, we have confidence [assurance] toward God.** **22** And whatever we ask we receive from Him, **because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.** **24** Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. NKJV

**21** Dear friends**, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence [assurance]**. **22** And we will receive from him whatever we ask **because we obey him and do the things that please him.**

**23 And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.** **24** Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us. NLV

**1 John 4:17**

**17** By this is love perfected [completed] with us, so that we may have confidence [bold assurance] for the Day of Judgment, **because as he is so also are we in this world**. ESV

**17**…our love is made perfectly complete so that we will have confidence [bold assurance] on the Day of Judgment, **because in this world we are like him.** NIV

**17** Love has been perfected [completed] among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so are we in this world**. NKJV

**17** And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect [completed]. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence [bold assurance] **because we live like Jesus here in this world.** NLV

**James 4:7-10**

**7** Submit [‎subordinate/ obey] your selves therefore to God.Resist [stand against] the devil and he will flee from you. **8 Draw [approach] near to God, and he will draw near to you**.Cleanse your hands; you sinners, **and purify [make clean] your hearts, you double-minded.** **9** Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. ESV

**7** Submit [‎subordinate/ obey] your selves, then, to God. Resist [stand against] the devil, and he will flee from you. **8 Come near to God and he will come near to you**. Wash your hands, you sinners, **and purify [make clean] your hearts, you double-minded.** **9** Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. NIV

**7** Therefore submit [‎subordinate/ obey] to God. Resist [stand against] the devil and he will flee from you. **8 Draw [approach] near to God and He will draw near to you.** Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and **purify [make clean] *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.** **9** Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. NKJV

**7** So humble yourselves [‎subordinate/ obey] before God. Resist [stand against] the devil, and he will flee from you. **8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you.** Wash your hands, you sinners**; purify [make clean] your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.** **9** Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. **10** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. NLV

**Philippians 4:8-9**

**8** Finally, brothers, **whatever is true [unconcealed], whatever is honorable [honest] , whatever is just [right, innocent] , whatever is pure [clean/perfect], whatever is lovely [friendly towards], whatever is commendable [reputable], if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise [commendable], think about [take inventory of] these things.** **9** What you have learned andreceived and heard and seenin me—practice these things, andthe God of peace will be with you. ESV

**8** Finally, brothers, **whatever is true [unconcealed], whatever is noble [honest], whatever is right [innocent/just], whatever is pure [clean/perfect], whatever is lovely [friendly towards], whatever is admirable [reputable] — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy [commendable] — think about [take inventory of] such things.** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. NIV

**8** Finally, brethren, **whatever things are true [unconcealed], whatever things *are* noble [honest], whatever things *are* just [innocent/just], whatever things *are* pure [clean/perfect], whatever things *are* lovely [friendly towards], whatever things *are* of good report [reputable], if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy [commendable] — meditate on [take inventory of] these things.** **9** The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. NKJV

**8** And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. **Fix your thoughts on [take inventory of] what is true [unconcealed], and honorable [honest], and right [innocent/just], and pure [clean/perfect], and lovely [friendly towards], and admirable [commendable]. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. 9** Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. NLV

**Jeremiah 29:10-14**

**10** "For thus says the Lord:When seventy years are completed for Babylon,I will visit youand I will fulfill to you my promiseand bring you back to this place. **11** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord , plans for wholeness and not for evil,to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,and I will hear you. **13 You will seek [search for] me and find me. When you seek me with all your heart**, **14** I will be found by you, declares the Lord,and I will restore your fortunes ESV

**10** This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. **11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord , "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **12** Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **13 You will seek [search out] me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.** **14** I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile." NIV

**10** For thus says the Lord : After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. **11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord , thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13 And you will seek [search out] Me and find *Me,* when you search for Me with all your heart.** **14** I will be found by you, says the Lord , and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord , and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. NKJV

**10** This is what the Lord says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. **11** For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord . "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. **12** In those days when you pray, I will listen. **13 If you look for [search out] me wholeheartedly, you will find me. 14** I will be found by you," says the Lord . "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land." NLV

**Romans 1:8-10**

**8** First,I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. **9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit [whole heart]** in the gospel of his Son,that without ceasing I mention you **10** always in my prayers, asking that somehowby God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ESV

**8** First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. **9 God, whom I serve with my whole heart** in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you **10** in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. NIV

**8** First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. **9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit [whole heart]** in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, **10** making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. NKJV

**8** Let me say first that I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith in him is being talked about all over the world. **9 God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart** by spreading the Good News about his Son. **10** One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. NLV