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Proverbs: Genuine Faith

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"Growing older is no guarantee of growing up, and it seems that fewer of us are getting there these days, stuck in immaturity." – Dr. Gordon Neufield

WISDOM: Embracing God's Word and learning the skills of living out biblical truth in everyday life.

Genuine faith is active and leads to spiritual maturity

SAVING FAITH – one time for all time

DAILY FAITH – everyday circumstances

James 1:2-8

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 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. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Path marks of genuine faith that guide us through trials to spiritual maturity

- A commitment to view trials differently

James 1:2-4

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Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

James 1:5

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Path marks of genuine faith that guide us through trials to spiritual maturity

- **Crave and seek the wisdom of God**

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Path marks of genuine faith that guide us through trials to spiritual maturity

- **Firm belief that God is generous**

James 1:6-8

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Path marks of genuine faith that guide us through trials to spiritual maturity

- **Stability through all of life's challenges**

Path marks of genuine faith that guide us through trials to spiritual maturity

- **Beacon of light to this dark world**