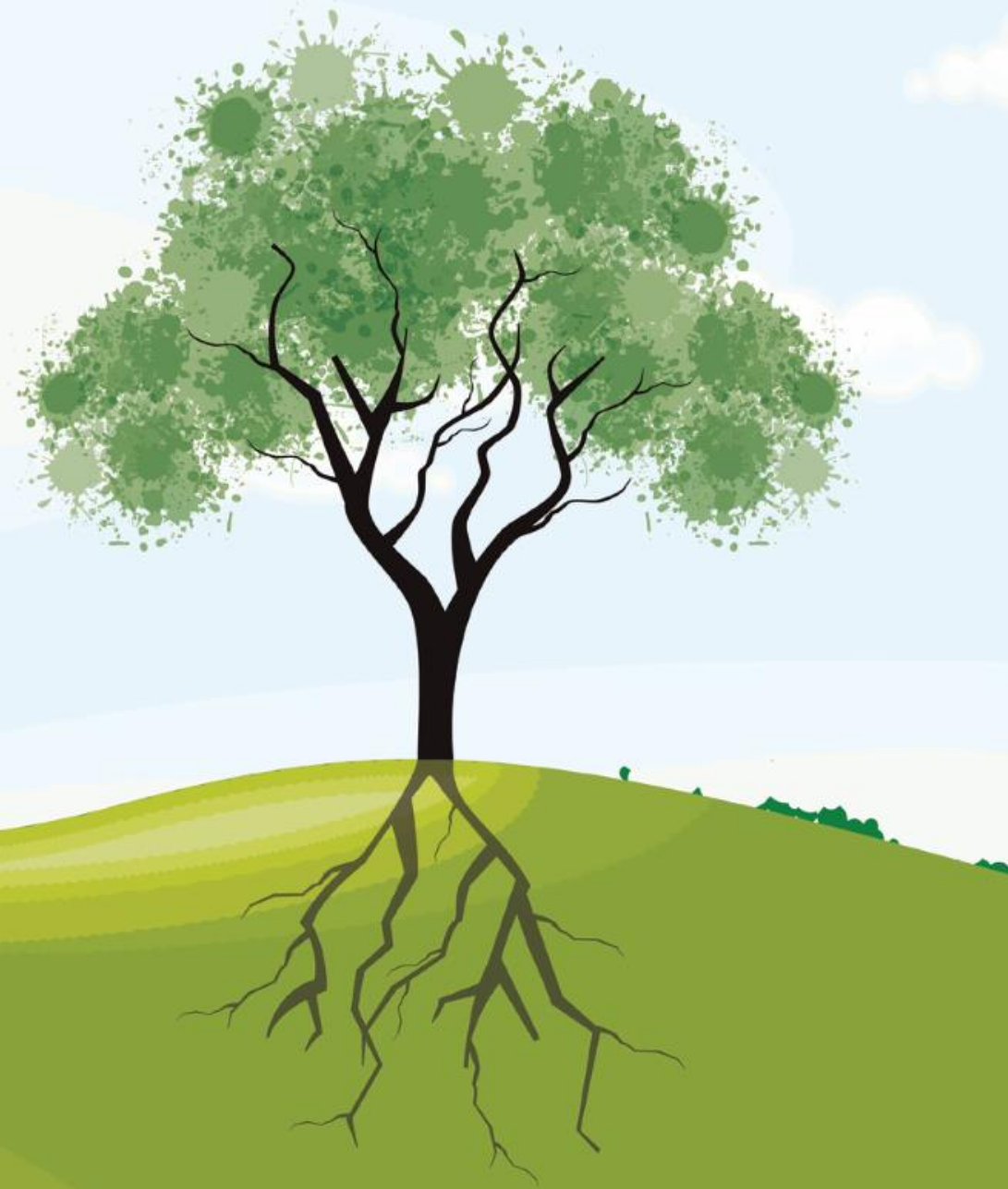


# THRIVE:

Embracing My  
Father's Wisdom

James 1:9-12



**James 1:9**

**The brother in humble circumstances ought  
to take pride in his high position.**



# Wisdom

- God's wisdom declares to the poor, "You are in a privileged position."



# Wisdom

James 2:5

**Listen my dear brothers, has God not  
chosen the poor in this world to be rich in  
faith and to inherit the Kingdom . . . ?**





# Wisdom

- Empowers you with a dependent heart.
- Empowers you with a generous heart.
- Empowers you with a contented heart.



# Wisdom

**The trial of poverty can be a blessing that feels like a curse if you navigate it without God's wisdom.**



# Wisdom

- God's wisdom declares to the poor, "You are in a privileged position."
- God's wisdom declares to the rich, "You are in a precarious position."



# Wisdom

**1 Timothy 6:9**

**People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.**





# Wisdom

➤ **“Consumerism can test and deform the most mature person.”**



# Wisdom

**1 Timothy 6:10**

**Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith, and pierced themselves with many griefs.**



# Wisdom

**1 Timothy 6:17**

**Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth.**



# Wisdom

- “Consumerism can test and deform the most mature person.”
- “I will call you to account for your attitudes and choices.”





# Wisdom

**James 1:11**

**For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will will fade away even while they go about their business.**



# Wisdom

**Wealth can be a curse that feels like a blessing if we navigate it without God's wisdom.**



# Generosity

- “The poor among you are a gift.”



# Generosity

**Proverbs 22:2**

**The rich and the poor meet together; the  
Lord is the maker of them all.**





# Generosity

- “The poor among you are a gift.”
- “Join with them because of the gospel.”



# Generosity

**1 Timothy 6:18-19**

**Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.**



# Generosity

**“Giving to the poor is an essential part of Christian morality. I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I’m afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, and amusement is up to the standard common of those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things that we’d like to do but cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them.”**

**C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 67**





# Reward

**James 1:12**

**Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.**

