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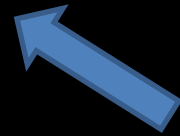
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Paraphrase...

When all kinds of trials crowd into your lives, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends.

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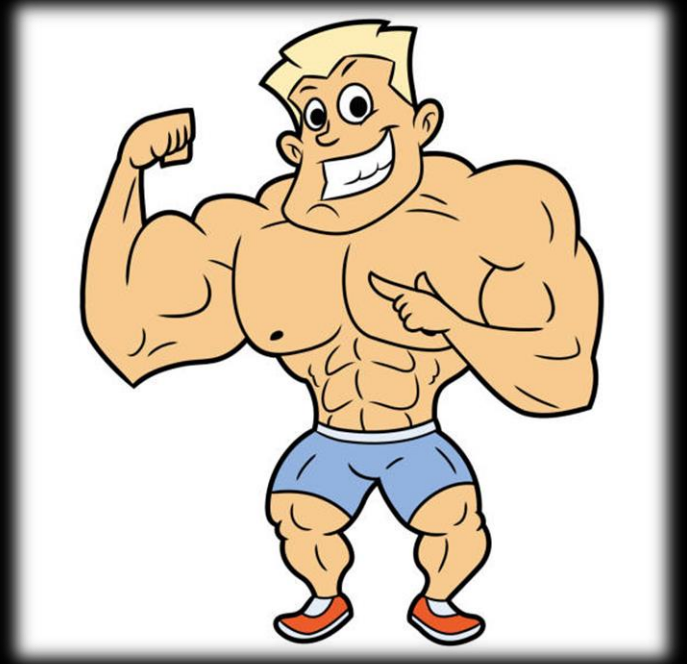
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*“I have learned to kiss the wave that
throws me against the rock of Christ”*

Charles Spurgeon

2) Ask for wisdom

V5: 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.

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V6-8: 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. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.



1 Kings 18v21: 'How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God follow him; but if Baal is God follow him.'

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Eph 1v7: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us.

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V11: 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 fade away even while they go about their business.

4) The crown of life

V12: Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.



