

"Aligning Your Life With Living Faith"

Earthly and Heavenly Wisdom Pt. 1

James 3:13-16

Introduction:

True Wisdom – is the application of knowledge with divine power to the reshaping of life, transforming attitudes, and transforming behavior into righteousness.

"OT and NT Speaks of 2 Kinds of Wisdom"

- The Wisdom of Man
- And the Wisdom of God

I. How True Wisdom Begins

- a. True Wisdom begins by Fearing the Lord Prov 9:10
- b. To Fear the Lord is to have a Reverential Trust in Him
- c. Everyone who knows God through Christ in a personal and intimate way have received the wisdom of God. 1 Cor 1:30
- d. This does not mean we have received and are applying all the wisdom that is possible to have.

II. Who is a Wise Man v.13

- a. Those who are wise in the Lord must show it in 3 areas of life
- b. In their general conduct, In their deeds, and in their attitude.
- c. Every person reading this passage and hearing this message needs to do a little self-examination.

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III. False Wisdom's Motivation v.14

- a. The motivation for false wisdom comes from the heart Prov 4:23
- b. James tells us there are 2 motives "Bitter Jealousy and Selfish Ambition" behind human wisdom.
- c. False wisdom is selfish, it is self-centered, and it is consumed with ego fulfillment.
- d. If this describes your wisdom, James shares you need to stop arrogantly boasting!

IV. Characteristics of False Wisdom v.15

- a. Earthly, Natural, and Demonic
- b. These are the same 3 enemies of believers The World, The Flesh, and The Devil.
- c. The natural man can't comprehend the Spiritual things of God 1 Cor 2:14

V. The Results of False Wisdom v.16

- a. The results are Disorder, Confusion, Chaos, and Instability.
- b. False Wisdom never produces love because it is proud, self-seeking, self-serving, and self-indulgent.

*Next Week We Will Look at True Wisdom
(Heavenly Wisdom)*