

“HEAVENLY VS. EARTHLY WISDOM”

SERMON NOTES

James 3:13-18

1. Wisdom from Above Is _____ for Good Conduct & Relationships (vv. 13, 17)

WISDOM –

UNDERSTANDING –

Prov 1:7

What is James getting at with his opening question?

What does our world think wisdom is? Why is that wrong?

PURE

PEACEABLE

GENTLE

ACCOMMODATING (Phil 2:2-4)

FULL OF MERCY & GOOD FRUIT (Eph 2:4-5)

IMPARTIAL

NOT HYPOCRITICAL

These elements of wisdom are meant to be seen in our lives, on display (humbly) that we might live for God and point people to him (Mt 5:14-16)

2. The World’s Wisdom Does Not _____ What It Boasts (vv. 14-16)

v. 14 – “BUT”

~ Greek nuances + two commands (“boasting” & “lying”) =

BITTER JEALOUSY

SELFISHNESS

These two elements (per v. 15) are indicators that this is not godly wisdom. It is of the world, the flesh (1 Cor 3:2-3). And it reveals a deeper problem with the _____.

DO NOT BOAST/LIE

What is the significance of v. 16? It tells us the world’s wisdom results in...

(See Genesis 3)

DISORDER

EVIL

Following after worldly wisdom leads us into sin & sin has consequences. (Gal 6:7-8)

“Sin makes you stupid.” – Brian McIntyre (Jas 4:7-8; Ps 1:1-2)

Which/who are we following?

3. Peace Requires _____ . (v. 18)

The person who professes to be a Christian must show it by his works. It is seen in his wisdom which manifests itself in peace. (Rom 12:18). If we desire peace in our churches, marriages, family, etc., we must CULTIVATE peace with godly wisdom.

My Prayer for Us – Col 1:9-12