

James - Practical Living

8 - Up 🙌 Down 🙋 Wisdom

09:55 am **5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO**

10:00 am ****LIVE Worship –**

10:25 am ****LIVE In House Welcome –**

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

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10:30 AM ****Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

NEXT-GEN: 9am Sundays @ Balcony -

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

Life Groups Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - 6/5/2023 - Sam Awuku

Men's Fellowship 8:30 am 1st & 3rd Saturday

True North Youth Ranch - HAY DRIVE - Program Thursday

A few weeks ago we started a new sermon series called “How Then Shall We Live in the Real World” then we had a break “Fathers Day!”

VIDEO - Sermon Bump / Intro *The Book of James

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? How should the EMPTY Grave affect the way we live??

Have you ever realized that sometimes people's way of thinking is a little off??

I'm not talking about critical thinking or problem solving.... im talking about simple decision making... everyday processing that seems to have become difficult?

Is it just me?, or have people become more stinker thinkers... Twisted thinking?

Pr 14:12 NKJV

**12 There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.**

Speaking of carnal desires - a man is led astray by temptations, selfish lusts & ambitions

Not realizing that the "Fun" & Pleasurable things he is pursuing is but only temporary and the HUGE sacrifice it eventually becomes.

The Bible describes 2 basic schools of thought... It may sound like an oversimplification of a very complex subject matter But I'll give it a try...

There is “Heavenly Wisdom” or also called “Godly Wisdom”..... & there is also “demonic wisdom” or also called “worldly or carnal wisdom”

worldly wisdom will tell you the more you earn the more you’ll have. the more you have & hold the more you’ll be able to build. (The more you accumulate / the more you’ll have)

Godly Wisdom will tell you to take 10% of your “Earnings” & give that back to society. You do that by donating that amount to the “Church” - Where are you being spiritually fed, grown, cared for, plugged in?? So that your local church & the work that it’s doing in the community you live in can be held accountable for it’s ministry.

The worldly wisdom would say NO WAY you can make it doing that.... Godly Wisdom says there’s NO WAY you can make it without giving back...

It’s almost an Up / Down kinda Wisdom that doesn’t make sense.

The more you give the more you have? He opposes the PROUD but gives GRACE to the Humble... the way up... is down??

It’s a UP / DOWN kinda Wisdom

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by **good conduct* that *his works are done* in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have ***bitter envy* and *self-seeking* in your hearts, *do not boast and lie against the truth*. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where *envy* and *self-seeking* exist, *confusion* and *every evil thing* are there. 17 *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.* 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who *make peace*.

A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

**“For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

Ro 13:13–14 NKJV

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Gal 5:1, 16-17 NKJV

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

James 3:14 *bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.* (lie to support your own ideology) 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.**

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

Every Evil Thing

7 things the Bible calls Evil....

- **Evil Desires**

Proverbs 21:10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: His neighbor findeth no favor in his eyes.

- **Evil Speech**

Psalm 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: Under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

- **Evil Thoughts**

Proverbs 15:26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: But the words of the pure are pleasant words.

Greed

Proverbs 15:27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; But he that hateth gifts shall live.

Idle Curiosity

Proverbs 25:2–3 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: But the honour of kings is to search out a matter. The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, And the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Proverbs 6:6-8

New King James Version

Go to the ant, you sluggard!

Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain,

Overseer or ruler, Provides her]supplies in the summer,

And gathers her food in the harvest.

Unholy Ambition

Unholy ambition is akin to evil desire and greed in that it is an earnest desire to achieve the most success, power and even wealth. It is all about being the best and having the best. The Bible speaks of unholy ambition and may even call it lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes or pride

1 John 2:16 NKJV

For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

Lastly...

Worldliness

Romans 12:2 NKJV

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

In concussion James / Yacob gives us this insight as to what Godly or Heavenly Wisdom looks like....

James 3:17

NKJV

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first *pure*, then *peaceable*, *gentle*, *willing to yield*, *full of mercy and good fruits*, *without partiality* and *without hypocrisy*.
18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who *make peace*.

Ga 6:7–10 NKJV

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

So the question / challenge this morning for us is....

where, or to what are we sowing? To the Flesh? or to the Spirit?

Whose Wisdom are we using? Worldly, carnal, demonic wisdom? *OR*, are we applying Heavenly or Godly Wisdom to our decisions?

The TREE is known through the FRUIT it produces... lets take a quick look at them...

Ga 5:22–23 NKJV

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

If these aren't the FRUIT.... then God's Wisdom is NOT the ROOT

Its an Up 🖐️ Down 🖐️ Wisdom kind of world & season right now... whose wisdom have you been using based on the results of the "fruit" that's in your life??

Communion

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, [d]"Take, eat; this is My body which is [e]broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

CALL TO ACTION

The Lord says draw near unto Him... & He'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Pr 14:12.

The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Jas 3:13–18.

The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Ro 13:13–14.

The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Ga 5:1.

The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Ga 5:16–17.

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