

James; Season2: A Faith That Walks – Worldly Wisdom vs. Godly Wisdom; Ja3

1. The Test of Wisdom (Ja3:13)

- A. What is wisdom? ***Prov28:12,28** (Prov is the book of wisdom – 1:1-7)
1. “Wise”; Gk. carries meaning of careful application of knowledge to personal living; **“Understanding” Gk. carries the idea the specialized knowledge of a skilled tradesman/professional (JMac; commentary on James3)
 2. “Let him show” is Gk. aorist imperative; makes vb a command – show your wisdom in life
 3. Conclusion: wisdom is having knowledge that is correctly _____ to the trials; conflicts of life
- B. Where does wisdom come from?
1. worldly wisdom is _____ – Ja3:15; **1Jn5:19; Eph6:11-12; Col2:2-3,8**
 2. godly wisdom comes from _____ – Ja3:17 (from above); **Prov2:1-8; Col2:3**
- C. The test of wisdom...your life _____ deeds of the gentleness of godly wisdom
1. Gentleness; Gk. doesn't carry idea of weakness, but _____ under control; **Ex. Jesus!**
 2. Gentle/godly wisdom is to willingly be under the sovereign will of God, therefore, it is never self-seeking; as Jesus displayed with His life (**John5:19**)
 3. **Test:** What kind of wisdom do you use **WHEN** _____ happens in life? see vs.18; 4:1

2. Worldly Wisdom vs. Godly Wisdom (Ja3:14-18)

- A. Worldly Wisdom (vs.14-16) * “I” am supreme, is about _____ revolves around _____
1. **James3:14,16** (selfish ambition); ***2Tim3:1-5** (lovers of self, lovers of pleasure) ***Gen3:4,5**
 2. **Motivation:** comes from heart; it reveals who we truly are: **Matt15:19**
*bitter jealousy; Gk. harsh, sharp, cutting, destructive, no concern for feelings, welfare of others
*selfish ambition; Gk. strife and extreme selfishness, self-fulfillment at any cost
 3. **Worldly wisdom is _____ (Ja3:15, 3 enemies of Church);** results in disorder/confusion, disarray in order to bring rebellion; think of anarchy or mutiny; all kinds of evil results (**vs.16**)
- B. Godly Wisdom (vs.17) **notice the contrasts in motivation and the results*
1. Comes from above is pure: *from God, redeemed heart; pure – Gk. root word we get “Holy”
***Heb12:14; Matt5:8; Ps51:7,10**
 2. Fruits: ***Peaceable** – **Matt5:9; Eph4:1-3** – godly _____ are great examples of this!
***Gentle;** Gk. not a good Eng word that can be used, but carries the ideas of humbly patient, submits itself to dishonor, abuse, mistreatment and persecution ***Matt5:9-12**
***Reasonable;** this is willing to back down instead of fighting, spouting off cutting words
***Full of mercy;** forgives and shows mercy, compassion when in need. **Matt5:7; Ex. Good Sam**
***Good Fruit;** demonstrates godly, righteous works; **Matt5:6; Matt7:15-17; Gal5:22-23**
***Unwavering;** lit means not to be parted/divided; so w/out uncertainty, indecision, vacillation;
*always acts/anchors on God's Word ***Josh1:8-9; Matt7:24; 1Cor15:58; Heb6:10**
***W/out hypocrisy;** Peter connects this w/ malice, deceit, envy, slander; 1Pe2:1
- C. What does your life show? (vs.18) *What does an apple **seed** produce when it grows? _____
1. Godly wisdom produces righteousness that is a peacemaker!
 2. Godly Mom's (**Prv31:29-31**) *****Jesus' Ex** to us in **Phil2:1-8**...this is to be our attitude!!!