

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

It may be that, today, foolishness gets more attention than true wisdom. Yet, the Bible lifts wisdom as the key for growing, building, succeeding, and experiencing real life. What can we learn about the nature of wisdom and how to get more?

GETTING STARTED

1. Who is the wisest person you know? What did they do that impressed to you that they were wise?
2. What is the wisest decision you've made? What was the result of that decision?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Read James 3:3-18. What do you gather from this passage is the key to having true wisdom? Why?
4. Sean contrasted two types of wisdom: one, a wisdom which is espoused by the world; and two, a true wisdom which is from God. Is there part of your life where you experience a tension between the two?
5. If you were living wiser today, what is one thing that you would do differently? How would your life be different as a result?

NEXT STEPS

6. Wisdom comes from asking God in faith. If your goal is to grow in faith, how might you integrate more asking into your life?
7. Wisdom comes from reading the Bible. If your goal is to grow in wisdom, how do you plan to integrate Bible reading into your life this year?

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO WISDOM? Reflections on Wisdom #1

Prov 3:13-16

James 1:1-8

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 3:13-18

The only _____ wisdom is _____ wisdom.

1 Cor. 1:18-21

A. God's wisdom is always aligned with _____.

Prov. 9:10

B. God's wisdom always sees the _____.

Gal. 6:7-8

C. God's wisdom always yields _____.

Luke 7:33-35

D. God's wisdom is available to any who will _____.

Prov. 2:6