

THRIVE: Thrive by Aligning Part 3
Speaker: Mike Tatlock
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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Colossians 2:2-4. Read it in several translations and paraphrases. As you read, ask these three questions;

- What does it say? Observation
- What does it mean? Interpretation
- What does it mean for me? Application

Invite someone in to doing this with you. Talk through what you are seeing and learning together!

2. As you read through the benefits of High Spiritual IQ (Wisdom), which of these do you need most today? How could you invite others into walking with you in pursuing that specific benefit?

- Intimacy Intensity: Increased connection with God
- Anxiety cure: Gods thoughts over anxious thoughts
- Regret Prevention: Choosing a path with least amount of shame
- Decisive: Moves us past paralyzed and passive decision making
- Self-awareness: Insights to your self sabotaging tendencies
- Identity Therapy: Flourishing over floundering in your true self
- Purpose filled life: Being vision- and value-led
- Discernment: Living with clarity over confusion
- Deception Avoidance: Avoiding trappings and lies of the enemy
- Ability to reframe: Standing back from a situation or problem and seeing the bigger picture or wider context.
- Positive use of adversity: Learning and growing from mistakes, setbacks, and suffering.

3. How have you gotten caught up/or been tempted to get caught up in places of divisiveness?

- Attaching Accusation
- Taking Offense
- Promoting Fear
- Power/Corruption
- Pride/Virtue Signaling: A moral soap box or moral grandstanding to elevate one as better than others

4. Read James 3:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 2:12,13. Where are you getting your wisdom right now? What does James 3:17 say is the fruit of heavenly wisdom?

God, help me to walk in Your wisdom. Give me eyes to see when I am being influenced by the wisdom of the world. Show me the places where I am accusing, taking offense, promoting fear, exerting my power, or living in pride. Renew my mind to be conformed to Your heart. Help me to listen to You and then to be able to listen with peace and humility to others. May I be a peacemaker with others in this divisive time. Give me a hunger for Your wisdom. Give us as Grace Chapel a hunger for Your wisdom! Amen

FULL NOTES:

Host: Jen McCourt - Adult Community

Worship: Jake Schwein and Lauren Pickthorn

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Colossians 2:2-4

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

Wisdom (*Sophia*): Spiritual Intelligence

Ecclesiastes 7:12 (NKJV)

Wisdom gives life to those who have it.

How is your Spiritual IQ?

Benefits of High Spiritual IQ (Wisdom)

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1 Corinthians 1:25

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom

1 Corinthians 3:19

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight

Wisdom gives you the right *stance* in your *circumstance*.

Satan is laughing, the church is losing.

James 3:13

Who is wise and understanding among you?

James 3:13

Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 3:14-16

But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

James 3:17-18

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

2 Corinthians 2:11

in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Revelation 12:10

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

Tools of the enemy:

Attaching Accusation

Taking Offense

Promoting Fear

Power/Corruption

Pride/Virtue Signaling

Virtue Signaling: A moral soap box or moral grandstanding to elevate one as better than others

“Radical Chic”: Projecting oneself as a moral elite and using advocacy as a fashion accessory.

1 Corinthians 2:6

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

How we practice Listening:

1. His Word
2. His Spirit (Stirring or Peace)
3. His People
4. His Presence (Prayer and Alignment)