

JAMES: Worldly Wisdom vs Godly Wisdom

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Text: James 3:13-4:12

When we operate under earthly wisdom, it's destructive.

Our wisdom can only reflect heaven or hell, there is no neutral.

Worldly wisdom is limited and immediate, motivated by jealousy and selfishness.

We need to be desperate for Godly wisdom.

When we fight with each other, we miss the real battle.

Our prayer life is a great indicator of where our hearts are at.

Earthly wisdom puts us in direct opposition to God.

He will fight for your attention and affection because everything else will leave you wanting.

Humility gives us an insatiable appetite for grace.

Just as easily as light dispels darkness, truth dispels lies.

Our hearts start to break over the ways that sin has distorted the image of God in us and in others.

He doesn't leave us where we are, He lifts us up.

Food for Thought for the week of July 31, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

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1. What are a couple key points to take away from the message on James 3:13- 4:12 this past Sunday?
2. Worldly vs Godly wisdom- What are the differences between the two? How have you seen both play out in your life?
3. Which side, worldly or Godly wisdom do you tend to operate from more? (Share some examples)
4. Are you motivated by God's love? What are some simple yet powerful ways you can show love to others?
5. What is James trying to get at when he mentions "friendship with the world"? What areas in your life do you find too much comfort in and hold onto too tightly?
 - A. What does James mean when he talks about humility in these few passages?
 - B. Why do you think God opposes our pride?
7. In this passage, James 3:13-4:12, what did you find to be the most personally challenging? How were you most encouraged by them? Think of a few people in your life who need to be encouraged by these verses also.

Just as light dispels darkness, God's truth dispels lies.



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