



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
LIVING IN GODLY WISDOM
JAMES 3:13-18

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1. Understand _____
(vv. 13)

James 3:13-18 (ESV)
13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

2. Recognize _____
(vv. 14-16)

3. Anticipate _____
(vv. 17-18)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **James 3:13** and review the definition of wisdom that Pastor Charlie gave. As a result of this message, do you view godly wisdom any differently? If so, how will it change the way you think and live?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 3:18-19**. When you got saved how did your understanding of wisdom change? What specific things changed as a result of transitioning from human wisdom to godly wisdom?
3. Read **James 3:17-18**. Share some of the greatest joys you've had in your life as a result of living in godly wisdom.
4. Read **Romans 1:18-23**. In what ways have you seen human wisdom result in disorder and vile practices? Take one of your examples and write down how it could have been approached differently with godly wisdom.
5. What is your relationship like with the Word of God? On a scale from 1-10, 10 being the best, how well do you know the Bible? What will you do next week to start to increase that number?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Tozer, A.W. *The Knowledge of the Holy*. HarperCollins, 1961.

Sproul, R.C. *The Holiness of God*. Tyndale Momentum, 2000.

Waston, Thomas. *All Things for Good*. Gideon House Books, 2015.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church would live by godly wisdom and not human wisdom.
Pray that America will repent and turn from being led by human wisdom to seeking godly wisdom.

Pray that our upcoming men's retreat would be effective in building up the men in our church.

Pray that our church would be more prayerful than ever before, relying on God's strength!

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
5/10	1 Samuel 3-4	Psalms 57:6-11	Mark 7:1-13	1 Corinthians 3:1-9
5/11	1 Samuel 5-8	Psalms 58	Mark 7:14-23	1 Corinthians 3:10-23
5/12	1 Samuel 9-10	Psalms 59:1-7	Mark 7:24-37	1 Corinthians 4
5/13	1 Samuel 11-12	Psalms 59:8-17	Mark 8:1-10	1 Corinthians 5
5/14	1 Samuel 13-14	Psalms 60:1-5	Mark 8:11-21	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
5/15	1 Samuel 15-16	Psalms 60:6-12	Mark 8:22-38	1 Corinthians 6:12-20