

The Way of True Wisdom *James 3: 13-18*

INTRODUCTION: Life Constantly Lays Choices Before Us...

- ◇ James teaches us that there are two ways of life, two kinds of wisdom. One wisdom is from the earth, even the Devil; the other is from heaven. (Daniel Doriani)
- ◇ Since God is all-wise, He is the ultimate source for this vital insight. The more we look to Him, especially in the midst of trying human interactions, the more we learn how to respond with wisdom.
- ◇ Wisdom: Hebrew (hokmah) means-skill in living.
Greek (sophia) means-insight, skill, clarity.

Insights For Walking In The Way Of Wisdom:

Insight #1: Understand that wisdom is a _____. (v.13)

- Who among you is wise and learned? Let him show by his good conduct, with the humble modesty of wisdom, what his deeds are. (James Moffatt Translation)
- The Jews deepened the meaning of wisdom to refer to the application of knowledge. To them, wisdom was bringing knowledge to life. (Stephen Davey)

Insight #2: Understand that false wisdom (earthly wisdom) causes many different _____. (vv. 14-16)

- In the wake of the unwise we see waves of chaos, confusion, disharmony, antagonism, and pettiness—certainly not an example to follow! (Chuck Swindoll)
- Wherever you find jealousy and fighting, there will be trouble and every other kind of wrong-doing. (James 3:16 -(New Life Version)

Insight #3: Understand that true wisdom will require you to make some tough choices. (vv.17-18)

- Choose _____. (v.17 –Pure)
- Choose _____. (v.17)
- Choose _____. (v.17—considerate)
- Choose _____. (v.17—submissive)
- Choose _____. (v.17—full of mercy & good fruit)
- Choose _____. (v.17—impartial and sincere)

CONCLUSION: How Do You Rate On The Wisdom Test?

- How do you get wisdom? (James 1:5-6)
If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get His help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. (The Message)
- Your Response:
 - ✓ Get Jesus in your life!
 - ✓ Study His Word—commit to develop some Holy Habits.
 - ✓ Make yourself accountable to a few people.