

qualities of godly wisdom do I most need to work on? How will I do so?

How can I pray for others and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

There is a kind of person who is undoubtedly clever; he has an acute brain and a skillful tongue; but his effect in any committee, in any church, in any group, is to cause trouble, to drive people apart, to foment strife, to make trouble, to disturb personal relationships. It is a sobering thing to remember that the wisdom that man possesses is devilish rather than divine, and that such a man is engaged on Satan's work and not on God's work.

William Barclay

Like true faith (2:14-26), true wisdom is identified by the quality of life that it produces.

Douglas Moo

A "peace-loving" person brings peace with him when he enters the room. He's the opposite of the human tornado who wreaks havoc in every situation. Because he is at peace with God, he is at peace within himself, and he brings an atmosphere of peace with him.

Ray Pritchard

Someone who lives in a humble and wise way will give more evidence of his standing before God than any number of words could ever do.

Venerable Bede

The Christian who wants to live in wisdom can ask no better question regarding his thoughts, words, actions, and devotion than, "Am I pure?"

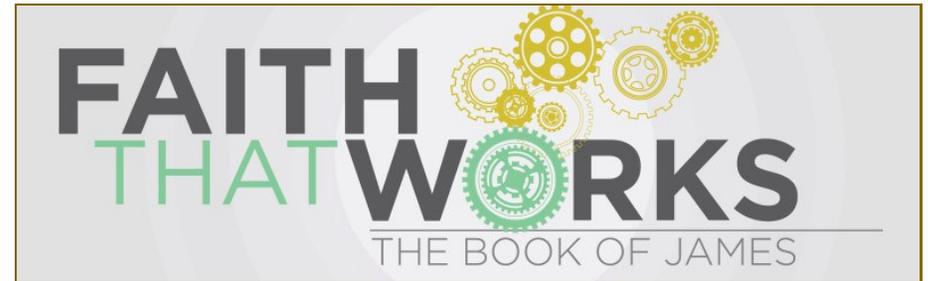
R. Kent Hughes

Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say true and sound wisdom, consists in the knowledge of God and of ourselves.

John Calvin

*What are some steps we can take to develop a gentle spirit? First we must decide that this is a trait we really do want to develop. We have to decide that we want to be mild and sensitive in our dealings with others, that we are willing to live without a rigid structure of black-and-white rules. We have to decide if we really want to **care** about people.*

Jerry Bridges



#17 Who Among You is Wise? (3:13-18)

Sermon
Notes

June 23, 2019

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. Who is the wisest person you've ever known? What made them so wise?
3. Are all sources of wisdom equally valid? Why or why not? How do you determine what wisdom to follow?
4. How is godly wisdom described and defined in *James 3:13-18*?
5. Why does James connect humility and wisdom?
6. How is worldly wisdom described and defined in *James 3:13-18*?
7. What does *gentleness of wisdom* (*James 3:13*) mean?
8. What tools of Satan are given in *James 3:14*?

What do these sins cause one to do?
9. Read *Ephesians 2:1-4* and compare the state of our hearts in our sin to the way James describes worldly wisdom. What parallels do you see? What does this teach about the nature of worldly wisdom?

10. What are the results of a life that is marked and governed by God's wisdom?
11. Read *James 3:17*. What does it mean the God's wisdom is *pure*?
12. What does *Colossians 2:2-3* say about Jesus and wisdom?
13. Why is it important that we sow seeds of peace (*James 3:17*)?
14. Read *Psalms 1:1-6*. According to the psalmist, what can we do to acquire godly wisdom?
15. Read *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*. Why is Christ's cross the apex of wisdom? When people seek you out for wisdom, how can you point them back to the cross?
16. What do the following verses teach us about the true source of wisdom?
Romans 11:33 — *1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16* —

Ephesians 3:8-10, 16-19 —

Reflection Questions: To what degree does the world's wisdom influence my thoughts, opinions, and values? Why? What are some concrete ways I will seek to acquire God's wisdom this week? Do I cause disorder and discord in my church? What must I do to stop? Which