



As we move into the second half of the book of James, the theme of teaching from James 3:1 continues through a presentation on wisdom. In this week's passage, James contrasts worldly wisdom with godly wisdom. Worldly wisdom looks slick and polished while godly wisdom is full of godly characteristics that impact a generation for Christ. James teaches us that wisdom is made evident by our actions. Join us as we take a closer look at this passage and learn how we can live out godly wisdom while living in the world.

1. Neal opened the sermon with an example from the life of King Solomon. Solomon encountered a difficult situation that required Godly wisdom (see **1 Kings 3:16-28**). Who is the wisest person you know? What makes that person so wise?
2. **Read James 3:13-16.** Wise people show their wisdom by deeds done in humility. **Read Psalm 25:9, Proverbs 3:34, Micah 6:8, and 1 Peter 5:6.** Thinking about these passages, and your life, where do you need to grow in humility?
3. James uses the following three words to describe worldly wisdom: selfish, boastful, and deceitful. According to Paul in **Ephesians 2:1-3**, we used to live in this manner. How do we move away from worldly wisdom while living in the world?
4. The opposite of worldly wisdom is godly wisdom. **Read James 3:17-18.** James starts the list with living a pure life. How can we live a pure life while living in the world? For reference, **read Psalm 19:9-10, 119:127, Proverbs 22:11, and Matthew 5:8.**
5. Looking at the entire list that James writes in **James 3:17**, what is one characteristic of godly wisdom in which you desire to be more mature? Thinking about that characteristic, what needs to change in your life today to bring this about?
6. Keeping godly wisdom in mind, read about the fruit of the Spirit in **Galatians 5:22-23.** According to **Colossians 2:6-7**, it seems that godly wisdom comes to those who are rooted in Christ and seeking the Lord. Who lives a life of godly wisdom that you want to emulate?
7. James teaches us that peacemakers sow in peace and will reap a harvest of righteousness. We all know that if you sow corn, you will harvest corn. **Read John 14:27, 16:33, Acts 9:31, and Romans 5:1** and discuss what it looks like to sow peace in our lives?
8. Close your time in prayer.