

James - Week 6 - Beginning of Participating in Wisdom

Wisdom: Probed

- **Vines Dictionary:** Broad and full intelligence; Used of the knowledge of very diverse matters, so that the shade of meaning in which the word is taken must be discovered from the context in every particular case. The varied knowledge of things human and divine, acquired by acuteness and experience
 - **Websters:** Knowledge that is gained by having many experiences in life. Knowledge of what is proper or reasonable. Good sense or judgment
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Wisdom: Personified

- 1 Corinthians 1:30, Colossians 2:2-3

Luke 2:40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Matthew 13:54 When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?

Mark 6:2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!

Wisdom: Practically

Luke 21:15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

Wisdom Test:

1. First and foremost, is it pure? Clean? Free from fault? Then...
2. Is it peaceable?
3. Is it gentle?
4. Does it include a willingness to yield?
5. Is it FULL of mercy?
6. Is it FULL of good fruit?
7. Is it impartial?
8. Is it hypocritical?

Wisdom: Polluted

	Heaven's Wisdom	Earthly Wisdom
Spiritual	<i>From above Pure</i>	<i>Earthly Demonic Evil</i>
Emotional	<i>Peaceable Gentle</i>	<i>Confusion Bitterness</i>
Physical	<i>Full of good fruit</i>	<i>Sensual</i>
Relational	<i>Willing to yield Full of mercy Without partiality Without hypocrisy</i>	<i>Envy Self-seeking Boasting Lying</i>

Wisdom: Played Out

James 3:13 TPT If you consider yourself to be wise and one who understands the ways of God, advertise it with a beautiful, fruitful life guided by wisdom's gentleness

- *"While the word wisdom strikes moderns as an abstraction, there is evidence that it was a living and palpable reality for the ancient imagination. Biblical wisdom is definable as a skill for living, but by the time biblical wisemen have transformed it into images, it is more concrete than conceptual."* Dictionary of Biblical Imagery

Matthew 11:19 But wisdom is justified by her children.

Wisdom Preached:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 TPT To preach the message of the cross seems like sheer nonsense to those who are on their way to destruction, but to us who are being saved, it is the mighty power of God released within us. For it is written: I will dismantle the wisdom of the wise and I will invalidate the intelligence of the scholars. So where is the wise philosopher who understands? Where is the expert scholar who comprehends? And where is the skilled debater of our time who could win a debate with God? Hasn't God demonstrated that the wisdom of this world system is utter foolishness? For in His wisdom, God designed that all the world's wisdom would be insufficient to lead people to the discovery of Himself. He took great delight in baffling the wisdom of the world by using the simplicity of preaching the story of the cross in order to save those who believe it. For the Jews constantly demand to see miraculous signs, while those who are not Jews constantly cling to the world's wisdom, but we preach the crucified Messiah. The Jews stumble over Him and the rest of the world sees Him as foolishness. But for those who have been chosen to follow Him, both Jews and Greeks, He is God's mighty power, God's true wisdom, and our Messiah. For the "foolish" things of God have proven to be wiser than human wisdom. And the "feeble" things of God have proven to be far more powerful than any human ability.

Wisdom Prayer:

Colossians 1:9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;