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“Which Wisdom is Guiding You?”

James 3:13-18

“Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.” James 3:13 (ESV)

A heart striving after earthly wisdom reveals belief in something other than the Gospel.

I. Two Types of Wisdom (Vs. 14-17)

1. Earthly Wisdom
2. Godly Wisdom

A. Earthly Wisdom (vs. 14-16)

- a. Earthly wisdom comes from hell. (Genesis 3)
- b. Earthly wisdom limits the life we were created to have in Christ.
- c. Earthly wisdom is motivated by personal fulfillment, personal advancement, self-promotion, and selfish ambition.

Leverage the Gospel in your life!

B. Godly Wisdom (vs. 17)

- a. Godly wisdom is motivated by God-Centered humility, not self-centered ambition.
- b. Godly wisdom is first pure, then:
 - i. Peaceable
 - ii. Gentle
 - iii. Open to Reason
 - iv. Full of Mercy
 - v. Full of Good Fruits
 - vi. Impartial
 - vii. Sincere

II. The Result of Godly Wisdom (vs. 18)

The answer to purpose in life is to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Do you want to be known for planting the seeds of disorder and evil, or for planting the seeds of peace and righteousness?