



Reflections and Revelations (June 10, 2013)

Seeking Godly Wisdom

James 1:2-5: ²“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him” (NKJV).

Recently, I embarked on a journey to overcome being judgemental, and I have to thank God, because He has definitely been healing my soul through the power of His Word spoken over myself each day in prayer. As I sought to learn how to overcome judging by walking in humility, God took me to James. Part of my prayer was, “Since there is a way we think is right, but the end thereof is death, Father, help me to always seek Your wisdom.”

It’s funny, you know, how we will often ask God for something, but then we don’t know that He’s answered our prayer, because we don’t know what the answer was supposed to look like! Well, after praying this prayer several times, the Holy Spirit, great Teacher that He is, prompted me to go and look up what Godly wisdom looks like. Okay, that may sound like a no-brainer to some, but for me, it was one of those, “Oh yeah,” moments!

Something we do in our Bible study small group is called T-Time. For those reading this newsletter but aren’t familiar with T-Time, it’s where we take a principle or specific verses from Scripture and break them down into a T. This T shows us what choices the Word presents before us. In this case, I did a T to capture the difference in God’s wisdom and the world’s wisdom. The actual T is included later, but the most important thing I learned is how to recognize what Godly wisdom looks like! Therefore, I can now ask in faith to receive His wisdom, because I’ll know what it looks like when He gives it! For that, I am extremely grateful.

For those who would like to know the difference in God’s wisdom and the world’s wisdom, check out James 3:13-17. When God gives us wisdom, it will be ¹⁷... first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy” (NKJV).

For those who would like to see the T-Time for these verses, keep reading!

Godly Wisdom vs Worldly Wisdom

James 3:13-17 (NKJV)

| Godly Wisdom | Worldly Wisdom |
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| 1) Pure 2) Peaceable 3) Gentle 4) Willing to yield 5) Full of mercy and good fruits 6) Without partiality 7) Without hypocrisy | 1) Bitter envy and self-seeking [exist] in your heart 2) Boasts and lies against the truth 3) Earthly 4) Sensual 5) Demonic |
| V16 – For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. | |
| V18 – Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. | |

Key point to this T:

- Purity in wisdom precedes peace!

Hopefully, this T shows Godly wisdom looks a lot different than worldly wisdom! But, I think the thing that really stood up and slapped me in the face was “self-seeking” being a part of worldly wisdom. It’s not that I was surprised to find it here. It’s more so God began to reveal there are many ways we can be “self-seeking” that may seem godly, but they are not! I must admit, I had to say ouch quite a few times in the process! However, I’ll let the Holy Spirit teach self-seeking when needed and to whom needed! I’m still processing it myself!

Father, may each soul that reads this newsletter hear from Your Holy Spirit all they need to bring healing, deliverance, and joy to their souls! In Jesus’ name. Amen!

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