

**JAMES – LESSON – 6**  
**JAMES 3: 10 – 18**  
**REAL FAITH SPEAKS WISDOM**

**\*KEY VERSE: JAMES 3: 13**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

**\*QUESTION: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE?**

**\*QUESTION: ARE THERE DIFFERENT KINDS OF WISDOM?**

**\*QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF WISDOM DOES GOD AFFIRM?**

**\*QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF WISDOM DOES GOD REJECT?**

**a. JAMES SEEKS TO RESOLVE THIS IN JAMES 3: 10 – 18. JAMES IS CALLING ON HIS READERS TO INTERPRET WHAT IS THE TRUE WISDOM FROM GOD AND WHAT IS THE FALSE WISDOM OF THE WORLD.**

**b. OUR WESTERN CULTURE HAS GIVEN US AN INHERITED MIND – SET THAT WELCOME:**

**- FACTS**

**- DATA**

**- FIGURES**

**c. IN AMERICA WE VALUE THE KIND OF KNOWLEDGE THAT GETS THE JOB DONE- WE OFTEN HARBOR A WHAT EVER – WORKS MENTALITY – PEOPLE ARE SKILLED AT WORKING THE SYSTEM AND MAKING IT HAPPEN – WE TEND TO LABEL SMART AND SHARP – THESE KIND OF PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO GET AHEAD.**

**d. THE CRITICAL ISSUE HERE, ESPECIALLY FOR JAMES, IS WHAT SHOULD BE THE MIND – SET, OR THE “STANDARD” OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR THE CHRISTIAN.**

**\*SHOULD THE BELIEVER ALWAYS OPT FOR THE WAYS OF THE KINGDOM, OR ARE THERE OCCASIONS WHEN, IF WE ARE GOING TO BEAT THE WORLD, YOU HAVE TO BE THE WORLD?**

**e. THERE IS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE WISDOM OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD – JAMES WOULD HAVE US PRAY.**

**\*PRAYER**

**\*PROVERBS 3: 13 – 14**

**f. PROVERBS SAYS THERE IS A WISDOM THAT IS MORE VALUABLE THAN ANYTHING THIS WORLD CAN OFFER. THIS WISDOM CARES NOTHING ABOUT:**

- INVESTMENT
- STRATEGIES
- STOCK OPTIONS

**g. THIS WISDOM DOES NOT OBSESS ABOUT HOW TO CLIMB THE CORPORATE LADDER.**

**\*THIS WISDOM HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS WORLD**

**\*THIS WISDOM FINDS ITS HOME IN THE HEART OF GOD**

**\*THIS IS THE KIND OF WISDOM THAT JAMES IS COMMITTED TO**

**\*JAMES 3: 17**

**\*THE TEXT: JAMES 3: 10 – 18**

**B. DISCOVER**

**\*QUESTION: DO YOU REALIZE THAT JAMES KNOWS A LOT ABOUT US?**

**a. JAMES IS AN EXPERT AT EXPOSING HUMAN FOLLY AND OF CLARIFYING GODS BLUEPRINT FOR OUR LIVES**

**b. JAMES CONTRAST THE SO – CALLED WISDOM OF MAN WITH THE LIFE – GIVING WISDOM OF GOD**

**\*QUESTION: WHERE HAS JAMES PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED THE THEME OF WISDOM IN HIS EPISTLE?**

**B. DISCERN**

**\*1 CORINTHANS 2: 11 – 14**

**a. PAUL POINTS IS THAT ONLY GOD UNDERSTANDS GOD, AND CONSEQUENTLY ONLY THOSE WHO ARE FILLED WITH GODS SPIRIT ARE ABLE TO DISCERN THE WORD OF GOD.**

**\*PROVERBS 14: 12**

**b. A CARNAL RELIANCE UPON ONES KNOWLEDGE CAN BE DEADLY. MANY SOULS HAVE GONE TO HELL THINKING THEY WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING. THAT IS WHY JAMES IS SO AGGRESSIVE IN HIS MESSAGE. JAMES LOVE FOR SOULS LEADS HIM TO SPEAK FORCEFULLY TO THE THINGS THAT LEAD TO DEATH.**

**\*JUDE 1: 22 – 23**

**\*PRAY – LETS FOR THAT OUR EYES SEE THE WISDOM CONTAINED IN THESE PASSAGES AND FOR GOD TO EMPOWER US TO EMBRACE THE WISDOM CONTAINED IN THIS PASSAGE.**

**c. THE FOLLOWING NOTES WILL GUIDE YOU ALONG THROUGH THE DISCERN STEP:**

- 1. JAMES IS STILL CONCERNED WITH SIN – FILLED SPEECH**
- 2. THE WORD FOR “BITTER” IN 3: 11 IS THE SAME WORD FOR BITTER IN 3: 14 – WHAT KIND OF CONNECTION IS JAMES MAKING HERE?**

**\*QUESTION: IN WHAT TERMS DOES JAMES DESCRIBES THE WISE PERSON? DOES HE DO SO IN TERMS OF WHAT ONE KNOWS OR OF WHAT ONE DOES?**

**C. DEVOTE**

**a. JAMES IS CONSISTENT – FROM THE VERY FIRST VERSE JAMES CHALLENGES HIS READER AT EVERY TURN. THERE IS NO JOGGING IN PLACE FOR JAMES! IT’S ALL FORWARD MARCH! – WE ARE TO “MARCH INTO” THE MESSAGE OF JAMES WITH FAITH AND POWER – LET’S SEE WHAT PETER TAUGHT:**

**\*1 PETER 2: 21**

**b. THIS IS THE POINT IN THE STUDY WHERE YOU COMMIT TO WALK IN THE STEPS THAT JAMES HAS LAID OUT FOR YOU.**

**c. YET NO SPIRITUAL PROGRESS IS OF ANY VALUE UNLESS GOD LEADS THE WAY. THIS KIND OF EXPECTATION JAMES SET FORTH IN 3: 10 – 18 CANNOT BE MET WITHOUT PRAYER.**

**\*JOHN 15: 5**

**d. THE POINT HERE IS CLEAR: WITHOUT A VITAL CONNECTION TO JESUS, WE CAN MAKE NO REAL PROGRESS IN THE KINGDOM. WE ALL CAN STRENGTHEN THAT VITAL CONNECTION TO THE LORD.**

**\*FOR WITHOUT IT, YOU (WE) CAN DO NOTHING**

**e. BE OPEN TO THE FOLLOWING FOR ITS ROLE IN YOUR LIFE**

**\*JAMES 3: 10 – 12**

**1. HOW OFTEN HAS THERE BEEN INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN HOW WE RELATE TO GOD IN WORSHIP AND HOW WE RELATE TO OTHERS IN LIFE?**

**\*JAMES3: 13**

**2. IN THE MIDST OF OUR “WINNERS TAKES ALL” SOCIETY, DO YOU REALLY VIEW HUMILITY AS WISDOM?**

**\*JAMES 3: 14 – 15**

**3. HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN PRIDE IN AN ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT WAS TOTALLY ABOUT YOU, AND YOU THOUGHT, I AM A PRETTY SMART PERSON?**

**\*SINCERELY SEEK GODS HELP IN MAKING JAMES MORAL VISION A REALITY IN YOUR EVERY DAY LIFE**

**D. DISCIPLE**

**a. THE DISCIPLE STEP IS ALL ABOUT DECIDING TO TAKE ACTION ON WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED. JAMES EXPECTATION ARE RICH AND SUBSTANTIAL. WE CAN TAKE HEART IN THE FOLLOWING WORDS OF APOSTLE PAUL.**

**\*PHILIPPIANS 2: 13**

**b. THIS MEANS THAT IN SOME MYSTERIOUS WAY, WHEN WE STEP OUT IN FAITH IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD, THE SPIRIT FLOODS IN AND EMPOWERS US TO DO GODS WILL.**

**c. WE SHOULD PRAYERFULLY TAKE UP THE FOLLOWING CHALLENGES AND SEEK TO MAKE THEM PART OF WHO YOU ARE. – WITH THE HELP OF GOD AND THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN ME.**

**\*MATTHEW 5: 23 – 24**

**1. I REFUSE TO WORSHIP IF I HAVE SPOKEN ILL OF MY BROTHER OR SISTER ONLY AFTER I MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH MY NEIGHBOR WILL I ENTER INTO WORSHIP AGAIN.**

**2. I COMMIT TO LEAVE OFF SELFISH AMBITION BY EXAMINING MY MOTIVES AND THEN BRINGING EVERYTHING INTO LINE WITH THE CALLING GOD HAS PLACED ON MY LIFE.**

**\*PROVERBS 3: 7**

**3. WILL BECOME WISE, NOT IN MY OWN EYES, BUT IN THE EYES OF THE LORD**

**\*JAMES 3: 17**

**4. I WILL ACQUIRE THE WISDOM THAT COMES FROM BEING A PEACEMAKER FOR GOD**

**\*JAMES 4: 18**

**5. I COMMIT TO RESOLVING CONFLICT AND DEFUSING TENSIONS THIS WAY, I WILL ACQUIRE THE WISDOM THAT COMES FROM BEING A PEACEMAKER FOR GOD.**

**d. WHAT A GREAT CHANGE WOULD HAPPEN IF WE COULD DISCIPLE AT LEAST ONE PERSON IN THE KIND OF WISDOM THAT JAMES TEACHES IN THIS LESSON.**

**e. WE NEED TO PRAY DAILY, GOD GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MENTOR ANOTHER IN THE EXTRAORDINARY GIFT OF DIVINE WISDOM.**

**\*PROVERBS 4: 7**

**\*JAMES 3: 17**

**NEXT WEEK  
LESSON 7  
JAMES 4: 1 – 8  
REAL FAITH IS NOT WORLDLY**