

Sermon Notes
James 3:13-18
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Distinguishing between wisdom to seek and wisdom to reject ...

Look at:

1. Wisdom's outcome
2. Wisdom's attitude
3. Wisdom's source

Proverbs 27:19 NIV

19 As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart.

Matthew 12:35 ESV

35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

James was dealing not with false teachers, but those who would turn a PREFERENCE into a PRINCIPAL and thus cause division

Galatians 5:15 ESV

15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

When was the last time you said (or thought) "that's not fair"? Be careful, seeking to be treated "fair" is a subtle form of "selfish ambition".

Philippians 2:3 ESV

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Two most helpful sources of Godly wisdom:

1. Music
2. The Bible

"We are not slaves to the music to which we listen. However, it can knit our hearts more closely to those actions and make them seem more acceptable."

Colossians 3:16 ESV

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Psalms 119:11 ESV

11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 1:1-2 NLT

1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. 2 But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

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