

sermon notes

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March 22, 2023 | “Battle of the Wise” | **James 3:13-18 & 4:1-6**

- 1) *True wisdom is _____ , not proud*
- 2) *True wisdom makes _____ , not discord*
- 3) *True wisdom befriends _____ , not the world*

How to fight for true wisdom?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Define true wisdom as James has described it. We mentioned true wisdom is predicated on salvation of the soul so is true wisdom the Gospel itself, or is it more complex? What can unbelievers offer if not true wisdom?

Revisit James 4:5 and consider what it says about God’s righteous jealousy. What other references in Scripture explain this characteristic of God? How is God’s jealousy made manifest? How can God be jealous and righteous, without contradiction? (Some examples are Exodus 20:5 & 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:24, 5:9, & 6:15; Joshua 24:19; Nahum 1:2; 2 Corinthians 11:2)

GET PERSONAL

Are you portraying characteristics of true wisdom or false wisdom? Do you often provide insight to a practical situation through the lens of earthly wisdom? How does faith and logic interrelate to true wisdom? Discuss personal examples when you have received true and/or false wisdom? What was the result?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Do you pray for true wisdom on a daily basis? Do you pray that you portray true wisdom to others? Consider examples of earthly “wisdom” we often cling to in place of true wisdom? How does it contrast to true, Godly wisdom?

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Read Proverbs 8:35-36. Wisdom or lack thereof is considered a means to life or death respectively. What does this mean? Is this a physical or spiritual warning, or both?