

Sermon Title: Are You Wise (or 'just plain dumb')?

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In our need to navigate life successfully, we typically gravitate to those ideas that seem to make the most sense or that sound clever. Yet, following the distorted thinking of this world can quickly leave us in a mess and far away from God's perspective.

How can we gain a heart of wisdom that will straighten our path and bring us blessing?

James challenges our typical thinking to help us discern what is truly wise ...

The Source of True Wisdom

...the wisdom that comes down from above (v.15a)

- God puts wisdom and understanding in the _____ (Job 38.36, 12.13, Ps. 51.6, Prov. 2.1-6).

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom (Proverbs 4.7)

- We become wise by following _____ and being led by the _____ (Col. 2.3, 1 Cor. 2.9-10)

The Signs of True Wisdom

1. True Wisdom is _____.

By his good conduct let him show his works ... (v.13b)

2. True Wisdom is _____.

... in the meekness of wisdom. (v.13b)

3. True Wisdom is _____.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. (v.17)

The Significance of True Wisdom

And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (v.18)

Wisdom _____ righteousness.

Fill-ins: heart, Jesus, Spirit, practical, gentle, spiritual, produces