SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 17, 2015

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(James 1:5; 3:13-18)

Life is all about choices and the decisions we make. Sometimes they have little consequence. Sometimes the consequence may be significant. Today we discuss making decisions based on godly wisdom.

1. Wisdom comes to us through ______.

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SIGNS OF GODLY WISDOM

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1. Wisdom comes to us through reverence.

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom" (Proverbs 11:2, ESV).

2. Wisdom comes to us through <u>relationship to God</u>.

"And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30, ESV).

3. Wisdom comes to us through the Bible.

"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts" (Psalm 119:97-100, NIV).

4. Wisdom comes to us through prayer.

SIGNS OF GODLY WISDOM

1. Godly wisdom is <u>pure</u>.

"Purify your hearts, you double-minded" (James 4:8, ESV).

2. Godly wisdom is peaceable.

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace" (Ephesians 4:3, NLT).

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all" (Romans 12:18, ESV).

3. Godly wisdom is gentle.

4. Godly wisdom is open to reason.

5. Godly wisdom is <u>full of mercy</u>.

6. Godly wisdom is impartial.

7. Godly wisdom is sincere.

"We can say with confidence and a clear conscience that we have been honest and sincere in all our dealings. We have depended on God's grace, not on our own earthly wisdom. That is how we have acted toward everyone, and especially toward you" (2 Corinthians 1:12, NLT).

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