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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Where Is Our Wisdom Coming From?

Text: James 3:13-18

Wisdom is defined as the capacity to understand and function accordingly. It is knowing how to apply the things that you have learned appropriately. James, here in this text, makes some very clear statements about this wisdom: how can we see the wisdom, where does it come from, what describes each type of wisdom, etc.

He begins by making the statement that our wisdom and understanding are something that is **SHOWN** by our actions and works. Just like we can't see what one believes unless he shows it (Jms. 2:18), it is impossible to know the wisdom that one has unless one shows it through their actions. Specifically, in this context, it will involve the way that we treat others in our lives. He brings up the fact that if there is bitter envy and self-seeking in our hearts, it is actually against the truth. Now, why is that? Because envy and self-seeking are opposite of what the truth of God's word says (Rom. 1:29, 13:13, 1 Cor. 3:3, 13:4. Gal. 5:21, Rom, 2:8). The fact that this context is still about teachers (3:1), the individual who is a teacher of God's word has the responsibility to show what he is teaching to be true and not **LIE AGAINST THE TRUTH**. We lie against the truth when we teach one thing and then live and act oppositely.

Something that is key to understanding is the fact that our wisdom can come from two different sources: Earthly or Above. In other words, what drives our wisdom will either

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be geared by the things of the world or from God above (aka. the scriptures). If our understanding is being generated by the things of this world, James classifies that as earthly, sensual, and demonic. But how can this be? The things of this world DO NOT point us to Heaven and pleasing God but only pleasing ourselves (1 Jn. 2:12-17). Notice what he says about this early wisdom: “confusion and every evil thing are there.” When you are driving yourself from your likes and dislikes, it is the case that you will choose things in a spare moment situation and there will never be stability. Why? Because it’s not driven by a stable, consistent standard. God’s word is the only source that brings about the righteousness of God and therefore a constant, consistent standard to form our lives around (Rom. 1:16-17). Since this is the case, our actions, decision-making, and treatment of others will show which of these two sources is steering the wisdom of the individual.

Notice how he describes the wisdom that comes from above: it is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, all of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. The wisdom that comes from above first has to be pure at the core of the human. This will drive them to act in a godly way. You take yourself out of the equation and are truly desiring to do and be right in the sight of God. When a heart is of this nature, the actions will, by nature, correspond with the word of God. Each one of the following characteristics is exactly mimicking the nature of God in how He treats us. This is all that God desires us to be: Love God with all of our hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves (Mk. 12:30-31).

Lastly, it is important to understand that this fruit of righteousness is only going to be the case when it is **PURPOSELY SOWN IN PEACE** by those who make peace. This means that this will not happen by accident, but will be present because we **PURPOSELY** put it in place. This takes effort, focus, and energy to accomplish this concept. We have to set our hearts that we are going to make peace among everyone that is around us. But the question is, what are we sowing: peace or controversy?

What is the source of our wisdom: ourselves or God?

- Wes Garland



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

October 16 - 1 Thess. 4
October 17 - 1 Thess. 5
October 18 - 2 Thess. 1
October 19 - 2 Thess. 2



October 20 - 2 Thess. 3
October 21 - 1 Tim. 1
October 22 - 1 Tim. 2

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Erica Stewart's Father, Bobby Childress, Clayton Workman, Aldene Cloud, Gene Southern, Brad & Betty Hoots, Pat Grady, Perry Cooper, Randy Clemmons, Rosemary Clemmons, Mickey Parsons, Toni Lucas, Cheryl Culler, Mickey Parsons, Nicole Roy, Mike Ford, Sharon York, Sherrill Stewart, Patricia Wood, Roger Allen's mother, D.J. Harrison, *Cleave Binkley, Trooper Josh Church, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.*

Roger Allen is now at home and still has fluid in one lung. He has a growth on his adrenal gland that has been growing to a large size. He has seen a cancer doctor. Please pray for him.

Jim and D.J. Harrison were exposed to Covid by their Great Grandson and will be staying away for at least the next week.

Al Lawson's sister, **Carolyn Cox**, is at home now with Hospice Care. She is doing better at this time and hope for a good recovery. She is a member at Linville Forest. Please pray for her.

LaDonna Gordon - Jim and D.J. Harrison's oldest daughter. The hospital has given her a monitor for recording the heart for 14 days. — Jim and D.J. Harrison. Please pray for her to not have another heart attack.

Karen Clemmons sister, **Holly Tatum**, has a large mass of cancer of the stomach. The doctors will be testing her to see if there has been any spreading throughout her body. Please pray for her and her family.

Please keep **Tish Clarke** in your prayers as she is at home recovering from brain surgery. She is the wife of B.J. Clarke.

Allen Knight's sister, Charity, had entered the hospital on last Sunday because she was having premature labor. The baby boy was born very early, about 4 months. Please pray for him and his mother and all the family.

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

EVENTS AT WARNERS CHAPEL:

October 20th - Youth Devo at Charley & Pat Belch's home. Parents are invited to the Devo on October 20th.

November 5th - Warners Chapel will have our yearly Chicken Stew in the Annex to begin at six p.m.

November 27-30 - Warners Chapel Gospel Meeting. The speaker will be Eric Owens. The theme: "Getting to know God"

Sunday A.M. Bible Study - 10:50 A.M.
How Can Know God?

Sunday A.M. Worship - 10:50 A.M.
Learning God's Character

Sunday P.M. Worship - 6:00 P.M.
God Is Just

Monday — 7 P.M
Can My Ways Be God's Ways?

Tuesday — 7 P.M.
How Can I Be Saved?

Wednesday — 7 P.M.
Can I Know I'm Going to Heaven?

For the Record

Sunday Bible Class—Oct. 9, 2022 101
Sunday Worship 104
Sunday Evening Worship 95
Wednesday Evening (Oct. 12) 84

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

October, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: TODD HINSON

COMMUNION FOR OCTOBER: ALLEN KNIGHT

DEVOTIONS FOR: OCTOBER

SCRIPTURE

October 2 - Wayne Allen
October 9 - Mark Minor
October 16 - Andy Santiago
October 23 - Rodney Brown
October 30 - Johnny Spillman

SONG LEADER

Clayton Workman
Charley Belch
Steve Tesh
David Shoaf
Gene Southern

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Mark Roy
Al Lawson
Wes Garland
David Moore

OPENING PRAYERS FOR: OCTOBER

SUNDAY A.M.

Oct. 2 - Randy Warner
Oct. 9 - Rodney Brown
Oct. 16 - Steve Tesh
Oct. 23 - Carl Cooper

SUNDAY P.M.

Mark Minor
Adam Warner
David Moore
Charley Belch

WEDNESDAY

Oct. 5 - Andy Santiago
Oct. 12 - Bob Tesh
Oct. 19 - David Shoaf
Oct. 26 - Charley Belch

SECURITY AND GREETING: MARK ROY & MARK MINOR

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR : OCTOBER

SUNDAY A.M.

October 2 - Tristan Roy
October 9 - David Shoaf
October 16 - Wayne Allen
October 23 - Charley Belch
October 30 - Triston Roy

SUNDAY P.M.

Wayne Allen
Charley Belch
Charley Belch
Steve Tesh
Youth Led Sve Coordinator-Adam

WEDNESDAY

October 5 - David Shoaf
October 9 - Steve Tesh
October 19 - Wayne Allen
October 26 - Charley Belch

PLEASE, IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8

SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner