

Who Is Wise Among Us?

James 1:5-8, 3:13-18

Introduction: Ask for wisdom. Let your words be done with meekness.

- A. Knowledge is information, wisdom is application
 - Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, Proverbs 1:7
 - Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, Proverbs 9:10
- B. Wisdom is seen in our actions
 - Wisdom shows: in finances, Proverbs 21:20
 - Wisdom shows in family
 - Wisdom shows in relationship with God, Psalm 14:1

1. The Importance of Application

- A. Enemies of wisdom:
 - Comfort zone
 - Path of least resistance
 - Learned helplessness
 - False knowledge
- B. Knowledge and application
 - Acts 2:41 People heard and applied
 - Acts 17:11 The studied and applied
 - James 1:21 be doers and not hearers only

2. The Importance of Acknowledgment

- A. God is the owner
 - Exodus 19:5
 - Psalm 24:1
 - 1 Corinthians 7:23
- B. I am the manager
 - Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of Talents
 - Colossians 4:5-6

3. The importance of Appreciation

- A. We should be thankful to God
 - 2 Corinthians 9:11
 - 1 Timothy 4:4-5
 - Hebrews 13:15
 - Be thankful to God, Luke 17:11-19
- B. Enemies of Appreciation
 - Selfishness
 - Self Absorption
 - Self Abasement

4. The Importance of Accounting

God is creator, owner, giver, sustainer, judge

Job 1:21-22

- a. Lesson 1: I own nothing
- b. Lesson 2: I'll take nothing with me
- c. Lesson 3: God owns all and gives
- d. Lesson 4: God controls everything
- e. Lesson 5: Praise God

Conclusion: Always apply the wisdom from above, James 3:17
Blessed be the name of the Lord.