

LIVING FAITH – The Book of JAMES Part 5

Wisdom from Above

WISDOM from BELOW (v14-16)

In contrast to the wisdom of heaven, there is a _____ wisdom, that is, in fact, _____.

1. _____ → Belonging to this _____
(1 Cor 1:20)
2. _____ → of the _____, hence _____
(Rom 1:21-2)
3. _____ → _____ or actively _____ in intent
(1 Tim 4:1)

The CHARACTERISTICS = _____

The OUTPUT = _____

WISDOM from ABOVE (v17-18)

- a) Pure: Free from any _____ or _____
- b) Peace-Loving: Leads you towards _____
- c) Gentle: Not _____
- d) Willing to Yield: _____
- e) Full of Mercy: Always _____ of _____
- f) Full of Good Deeds: Not just _____, but measured by the _____ it bears
- g) Shows No Favouritism: Unmoved by _____
- h) Always Sincere: Without _____, faithful to the _____ it stands for, whatever the challenge

The APPLICATIONS: So What & Now What?

1. Sow the _____ of 'wisdom from above' _____, to prepare the way for the preferred _____ of righteousness
 - * Some of the trouble you're dealing with _____ is the _____ of _____ seed sown _____
 - * FLIP: You can start sowing _____ seed right now. And if you _____ the seed you've planted, you _____ the harvest you're going to get.
 - * MORAL: _____ your wisdom _____ carefully, because that choice is _____ your future, wittingly or unwittingly.
 - * Wisdom comes from _____, over the long haul.

3 KEY ELEMENTS

- a) _____ (Psalm 1:1-3)
 - b) Recognising the _____ (Eph 1:17)
 - c) _____ in _____ (James 1:5)
2. Going to need, more than ever, to be able to _____ & _____ 'wisdom from below'
 - a) Make sure you _____ the _____
 - b) Can you _____ the _____?
 - c) What worldly wisdom have you been _____?
 3. What an _____ to _____ the _____ God's wisdom produces markedly different results
 - * We don't leverage opportunity by _____, but by _____ (Col 4:5-6)
 - * _____ choosing 'wisdom from above' creates a _____ the world cannot _____.