

## **SERMON NOTES TEMPLATE:**

**Date:** 28 April 2024

**Preacher:** Ps Paul

**Sermon Title:** Godly Wisdom

**Bible Reading:** James 3: 13-18

### **Sermon Notes - Page 1**

- We are saved by faith, but James reminds us faith without works is dead (v13)
- So we need to guard the desires of our heart (v14)
- For we can choose Godly wisdom or we can pursue human thinking (v15)
- Our choice will determine significantly different outcomes (v16-17)
- For if we pursue God humbly, we reap God's blessing in our life (v17)

### **Small Group Questions/Discussions – Page 2**

James challenges us to live a good life. He highlights the importance of humility and wisdom. Why are these two characteristics so important? Why are these two things so strongly interlinked? Why can't you have one without the other?

James talks about the dangers of selfish ambition. How do we guard against this taking hold within the desires of our heart? Why is it so dangerous? How does the world share its wisdom – why are we so prone to its influence?

Every day we have a choice - we seek out wisdom from above, Godly wisdom or we take hold of the wisdom that comes from below, worldly wisdom. Compare how our day might look depending on the choice we make. Read the passage again and consider the extreme outcomes of each. How can we protect ourselves from the dangers of worldly thinking? Why do we need to be so vigilant?

Read verse 17 –Godly wisdom produces wonderful fruit. Why is God's wisdom so important to our witness? How can seeking God's wisdom, draw people to Jesus?

When we live in humility and we seek God's desires, we are at peace; we live a life of meekness. As a result, we receive God's blessing, we enjoy a life that produces righteousness. Our lives take on the character of Jesus. We live out a life from our experiences of Him. How does your experience of Jesus, determine the way you live your life. What characteristics should dominate our thinking, or in other words, what examples of Godly wisdom did He display?