

- I. The test for wisdom (v. 13)
  - A. True wisdom will lead to a good life
  - B. True wisdom will show in good deeds
  - C. True wisdom will reveal a humble spirit

- II. Wisdom from the world (v. 14-16)
  - A. The motivation for worldly wisdom
    - 1. It is motivated by bitter envy

“A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.” (Proverbs 3:31)

- 2. It is motivated by selfish ambition

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3)

- 3. It is motivated by an arrogant spirit

- B. The characteristics of worldly wisdom

- 1. It gets its source from the world

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight.” (I Corinthians 3:19)

- 2. It’s foundation is unspiritual

“These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.” (Jude 19)

- 3. It is motivated by the devil

- C. The results of worldly wisdom

- 1. Worldly wisdom leads to disorder
    - 2. Worldly wisdom leads to evil practices

- III. Wisdom from God (v. 17-18)

- A. The motivation for Godly wisdom

- 1. It is motivated by purity of heart

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” (Matthew 5:8)

B. The characteristics of Godly wisdom

1. It gets along with others

“Make every effort to live in peace with all men.” (Hebrews 12:14)

2. It is considerate of others

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)

3. It is willing to yield to others

4. It is merciful in dealing with others

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Luke 6:36)

5. It produces good results

6. It is impartial in dealing with others

7. It is sincere in all relationships

C. The results of Godly wisdom

1. Relationships will experience peace

2. Our lives will exhibit righteousness

“ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge your harvest of righteousness.” (2 Corinthians 9:10)