

Series: DOERS

Title: Wise Lives

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Bob called this passage a 'wisdom inventory'. As you begin your discussion, ask the Lord to show us where we're 'stocked' and where inventory is needed. Read James 3:13-18.

James 3 shows us two major challenges facing not only leaders (3:1) but all of us (3:2). If our speech is the first obstacle (3:1-12) what's the second (3:13-16)? What's so unhealthy or even demonic about conventional wisdom? 3:13-16 How are church people sometimes like hockey players?

What is wisdom? Is it another way of describing common sense? What are the differences between the Jewish and the Greek view of wisdom? See James 3:13 with Proverbs 4:7, 3:13-20. Which way is our modern Western culture leaning in its view of wisdom? Do you see differences in how Builders, Boomers, Millennials, etc. see wisdom?

Who remembers the phrase that pays? It comes from the idea that works confirm wisdom. "Wisdom is not proved by the _____ you give. Wisdom is proved by the _____." See James 3:13-14

How does Andy Stanley's question "What's the best thing?" summarize this whole passage?

Briefly summarize each descriptor in this wisdom inventory.

- ✓ Pure
- ✓ Peace-loving
- ✓ Considerate-
- ✓ Submissive
- ✓ Full of mercy and good fruit
- ✓ Impartial/unwavering
- ✓ Sincere

Bob mentioned two different ways to understand what good means. What are they and what happens when we only have the first kind?

Verse 18 talks about peacemakers. How can someone be a peacemaker and still hold to their convictions?

Who do you know who shows the wisdom from above and how do they show it?