

James 3:13-18
The Wisdom from Above

Intro: The Bible's use of the word 'fool'

- **The word 'fool':** Does not denote an intellectual stupidity, but a moral insufficiency.

- **The fool:** Knows that God exists because of His general revelation.

- **A humbling truth:** Those whose eyes have been opened to the wisdom that is from above still succumb to the so-called 'wisdom of the world.'

* The wisdom that is from above _____ the _____ of
_____ in God's people.

- **Wisdom:** One of the communicable attributes of God.

- **Wisdom and spiritual understanding:** Given to the elect of God, and then nurtured and fed by the word of God.

- **God's word:** Places a big emphasis upon praying and asking God for wisdom.

- **Some examples of foolishness:** Falling into distrust of God, leaning on one's own understanding, succumbing to sinful pride.

- **Bitter jealousy:** A sin that is accompanied by a whole host of other sins.

- **Selfish ambition:** A sure sign of sinful pride.

- **A great check to sinful boasting:** Living out our theology of the sovereignty of God.

- **The so-called wisdom of the world:** Promotes bitter jealousy and selfish ambition.

- **The vile practices that are all around us:** Are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.

- **The purity that comes from wisdom:** A reference to holiness.

- **A sobering consideration:** The number of churches in the New Testament that were lacking in peace and plagued by divisions.

- **The fruits of wisdom:** Bears a striking resemblance to the fruit of the Spirit and is the character of Christ formed in His people.

Personal Application: