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James: Training that Transforms "The Parable of the Prudent, the Perishing, and the Pure"

James 3:13-18

Main Text

James 3:13-18 (ESV) – ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Big Idea – Blessed is the One Who Discovers Godly Wisdom

Three Lessons Learned and Lived

Lesson #1 – The Perspective of the Prudent: Wisdom involves Your Talk and Your Walk

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Lesson #2 – The Persistence of the Perishing: The Feet of the Foolish Brings Ruin...Guard Your Heart and Mind Today

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Lesson #3 – The Practice of the Pure: Make the Pursuit of Godly Wisdom Your Priority

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Memory Verse

Proverbs 12:15 (ESV) – The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the study guide found at the Connection Point.