



God's Wisdom vs. Worldly Wisdom

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TODAY'S READING: James 4

What is the result of living by the wisdom of the world instead of living by the wisdom of God? What should Christ followers do when they realize the ladder they are climbing in life is propped against the wrong wall? James Chapter 4 is a continuation of the last part of Chapter 3. James describes the wisdom of the world: Figure out what you want from life and go after it no matter what the cost. He describes the world as unspiritual with demonic philosophy and as a source of disorder and all sorts of evil (James 3:15-16).

The Book of James is written to first-century Christ followers. He tells them the worldly, unspiritual road of life they have been living is the wrong road. The road they have been following causes fights and quarrels, coveting and even murder. They were living a life in turmoil instead of a life following the ways of the Lord and His perfecting.

James elevates the awareness of the situation by calling them an adulteress people. Not in the sense of marriage, but in the fact they had chosen to live with another partner, the world. Those who choose to live in such a way are cheating on God by having the world as a partner. He also wrote that if in your pride you decide to stay on this path you are an enemy of God.

So, James gives a remedy for those who live by the world's wisdom. Submit to God, resist the devil, draw near to God, and repent and purify your hearts. Humble yourselves and He will exalt you.

Regarding our plans, James says believers need to understand that life is short. Unless God allows it, we can accomplish nothing. We are not to arrogantly boast about being in control of our lives, but rather give God the glory in the things He allows and blesses.

PRAYER: Lord, help me guard my heart from the pursuit of worldly pleasures in thought and in deed. Help me trust in Your ways and Your word no matter what outsiders are saying and how loudly they are saying it. Lord, I pray that the Holy Spirit would guide my life so I can glorify You.

TOMORROW'S READING: James 5

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