



PRAYER: Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises in prayer

OPENER: Which was your best and worst subject in school: History? Geography? Math? Gym? Study Hall? Lunch?

Who deserves the "Wisdom of Solomon Award" in your family?

How would you define a wise person?

REFLECT: Whether it's how to spend an evening or how to spend our income tax refund – we each have a different point of view. How can we demonstrate wisdom in relating to each other in ways that pulls us together instead of apart?

Williams James said, "Wisdom is the art of knowing what to overlook."
Canadian Proverb: Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is knowing that a tomato doesn't go in a fruit salad.

REVIEW and DISCUSS:

This week Pastor shared three of six evidences of heavenly wisdom from James 3 we need for Strengthening Our Marriages. Based on James' words define each of the following as it relates to wisdom in your relationships.

Read: James 3:13-18

1. PURE

A. What do you think would be included in a marriage of integrity?

2. PEACE-LOVING

A. What do you think the difference is between peacemaking and peacekeeping?

3. CONSIDERATE

A. In what ways can we be mindful of the feelings of others?

According to James 3:13-18, what brings "disorder and every evil practice"?

How can you recognize a "heavenly wise" person? What are two behaviors that might indicate a lack of wisdom?

How can we avoid harboring bitter envy and selfish ambition in our hearts?

How can we be wise and yet not prideful?

Are you more likely to act without thinking or think without acting?

What does heavenly wisdom produce?

PLAN for ACTION:

Three Reasons Why We Don't Listen

1. When we are making assumptions
Read: Proverbs 18:13, Proverbs 18:13
2. When we are being impatient
Read: Proverbs 29:20, Proverbs 19:11
3. When we are filled with arrogance
Read: Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 20:5, Proverbs 15:31

How can this group pray for you this week?

To view the complete teaching from Sunday's "Strengthening Your Marriage" Series go to www.centralcommunity.org