

Counterfeit Wisdom Just Doesn't Work

When we talk about living for God we need to address the fact that we can short-circuit discipleship in our life. We short-circuit discipleship when we put God's activity into our lives but not His thoughts. We need to think His thoughts after Him. This caring about God's opinion is the beginning of wisdom.

Scripture(s): James 3:13-18

I. The first description of wisdom that urges us to make God's wisdom the one we pursue is that wisdom is measured by its _____. To claim to be wise we must _____ wise.

Jude 1:12-13 12 These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; 13 wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.

Matthew 7:15-18 15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

✓ Measure your wisdom by both your actions and your _____.

II. The second description of wisdom that urges us to make God's wisdom the one we pursue is that false wisdom destroys what we _____ about. False wisdom stems from false _____.

✓ Check your motives for _____ as you live before others.

Luke 12:4-5 4 "I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

III. The third description of wisdom that urges us to make God's wisdom the one we pursue is the nature of _____ wisdom. Hearts that are truly at peace with God seek to make _____.

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Mark 9:50 Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Romans 12:17-21 17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. 20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

✓ Plant the seeds of _____ in what you say and do.

Remember this - We must intentionally seek God's wisdom because it is decidedly _____ to human wisdom.

Our challenge: Pursue the wisdom of God as that wisdom which _____ your heart.

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