Notes for message- James week 7

**James- Faith That Works**

***A Tale of two Wisdoms***

**Wisdom is different than knowledge**. Knowledge is the accumulation of information and facts. Wisdom is the best application of information and facts.

**James 3:13-16** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. NIV

**False Wisdom**

* The origin of false wisdom is earthly, unspiritual, and of the devil.

**Gen 3:6** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. NIV

**1 Cor 1:20** Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? NIV

* This kind of wisdom is evidenced in those who are wholly immersed and obsessed in worldly pursuits.

**2 Cor 4:17-18** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. NIV

* The outcome of false wisdom is bitter envy, selfish ambition. confusion and disorder.

**Proverbs 14:30** “A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.”

**True Wisdom**

**James 3:17-18** But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. NIV

* The origin of true wisdom is from God in heaven.

**Ps 19:7** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. NIV

* The outcome of true wisdom is evidenced in seven characteristics:
  + Pure
  + Peace - loving
  + Considerate
  + Submissive
  + Full of mercy and good fruit
  + Impartial
  + Sincere

**James 1:5-6** If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt… NIV