

GODLY WISDOM FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

JAMES 3:13-18

Pentecost Methodist Church

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Proverbs 9:10

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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

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D.L. Moody

(1837 - 1899)

“The eyes of the world are upon us. They don't read the Bible, but they read you and me, and we talk more by our walk than in any other way. We are "living epistles, known and read of all men." There are some people that you can tell have been with Jesus Christ by their walk.”

Examples of Random Acts of Kindness (Love Pasir Ris)

- Give a snack or cold drink to refresh a cleaner at the void deck or returning bus driver at the interchange
 - Help an elderly carry his/her marketing to the bus stop or up the bus
 - Smile/say thank you to people you don't know, e.g. those who serve you
 - Buy a dessert or drink for someone eating alone and talk to him/her
 - Return tray and clean the table for the next group after eating
 - Give a stranger a surprise gift to show he/she is special
 - Acknowledge foreign residents in Pasir Ris and do something unexpected for them
 - Pick litter when you see them along your path
 - Bake cookies and/or muffins on the day and share it with strangers
 - If raining, offer to shelter people from point to point with an umbrella
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Matthew 6:24

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No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

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Galatians 5:19-21

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The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, **jealousy**, fits of rage, **selfish ambition**, dissensions, factions and **envy**; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

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Love:

v4: “does not envy”

v5: “not self-seeking”

v8: “never fails”



- Be contented. Count our blessings. (Philippians 4:11-13)

Application

- Resolve any insecurity. Affirm that you are God's unique creation. (Psalm 139:13-14)
 - Rejoice and give thanks daily. (Philippians 4:4)
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- **Be at peace** - peace-loving, considerate, submissive
 - **Be fruitful** - full of mercy, good fruit
 - **Be authentic**- impartial, sincere
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Be fruitful


- full of mercy
- good fruit

Matthew 5:7

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Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Be fruitful

- **full of mercy**
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- impartial
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John 4:1-42

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman.

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Summary

- All wisdom is from our Holy God
 - Godly wisdom is demonstrated by the way we live. It is God's truth applied
 - Godly wisdom is a choice. We must choose God's way
 - Godly wisdom has Kingdom consequences
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'You're the only Jesus'

Lyrics: Kathleen Harris

If not in you, I wonder where
will they ever see the One who really cares?
If not from you, how will they find
there's One who heals the broken heart,
and gives sight to the blind?

You're the only Jesus some will ever see
And you're the only words of life, some will ever read
So let them see in you the One in whom
is all they'll ever need
'Cause you're the only Jesus, some will ever see

And if not you, I wonder who,
will show them love, and love alone can make things new?
If not from you, how will they learn
there's One who'll trade their hopelessness
for joy in return?

So let Him shine, let Him show
Let them see Him in you,
we've gotta let them know
