

Sermon Questions James Chapter 1 Wisdom 2/19/2023

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

- 1. How would you define "wisdom"?
- 2. Do you agree with the statement, "Wisdom always does **now** what it will be happy with **later**"? Can you think of an example in your life when you did/did not use "wisdom"? How did it work out for you later?
- 3. According to James 3:15-17, what is the difference between "worldly wisdom" and the "wisdom from above"?
- 4. James 3:17 tells us that the wisdom from above is "willing to yield." Are you surprised by this? Why or why not?
- 5. As with Solomon, if God came to you in a dream and said, "Ask me for whatever you want," how would you answer this?
- 6. Why do you think King Solomon later went astray in his life while having access to great wisdom?
- 7. Do you think it's wrong to pursue wisdom and then expect to experience the benefits of wisdom promised in the book of Proverbs (i.e. "long life", "riches and honor" in Prov. 3:15-16)?
- 8. What does 1 Corinthians 1:30 mean when it says that "Jesus Christ is wisdom from God"?
- 9. James 1:5 says that God "gives generously to all." Was the analogy of the earth and sun's energy clear and helpful in this regard?
- 10. James 1:5 also says that God give to us "without finding fault." Is that how you picture God to be in terms of not finding fault with us?