

SERMON NOTES

“Wisdom is more than stuff you know” | Pastor Matthew Ruttan November 1, 2020 – Westminster Church, Barrie – Live Stream

This sermon is Part 6 of a teaching series on the book of James called “Down-To-Earth.” Today we explore James 3:13-18. Make sure to have your Bible with you. Don’t be afraid to take notes of insights you have about the text.

1. When it comes to knowing the actual value of things, knowing that difference, and living that difference, _____ all the difference.

2. James 3:13 says: “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the _____ that comes from wisdom.”

3. C.S. Lewis defined humility like this: “Humility isn’t thinking less of yourself, but of _____ less.”

4. Why are “bitter envy and selfish ambition” barriers to wisdom?

5. Verse 17 says: “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.” Which one are you surprised to see in this list?

6. How does Jesus define wisdom based on Matthew 7:24?

7. Wisdom is not just stuff you know, but you are _____.

8. Looking at James 3:17, ask yourself: How can I embody one of those traits more fully this week (a) inside my home, and (b) outside my home? List the trait that you think you could embody more fully:

9. The world doesn’t need more people who are right—but sincere apprentices of Jesus who want to live in _____.