

## **A. Words and Wisdom**

- a church in conflict (James 2:1-13, James 4:1)
- a wrong use of our tongues (James 3:1, 9)
- a tree and its fruit (James 3:11-12, Matthew 12:33-36)

## **B. Wisdom and the Wise**

### 1. What is wisdom?

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad. – Miles Kington?

### 2. Who is the wise?

#### Show and Tell

- godly life, good works and humble service (James 3:13)
- 6 characteristics of a wise person (James 3:17)  
James 3:17 is first of all pure; peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.
- 2 dangerous heart attitudes (James 3:14)
  - bitter envy
  - selfish ambition

## **C. Types of Wisdom: Earthly vs heavenly (James 3:15)**

- earthly wisdom
  - rejects God's Word (Genesis 3:1)
  - rejects God's way (Genesis 3:5)
  - pride and deceit (James 3:14, Genesis 3:4,6,8)

## **D. Results of Wisdom**

1. earthly wisdom produces disorder and evil (James 3:16)
2. heavenly wisdom produces peace and righteousness (James 3:18)

## **E. The way to become wise (Job 28:12)**

1. Fear God (Job 28:28, Proverbs 9:10, Proverbs 2:6)
2. Believing in Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:30)
3. Love God's Word (Psalm 119:97-100, Colossians 3:16, James 1:22)
4. Pray - Ask God (James 1:5)