Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD



What Is 'Worldly Wisdom'?

- Described in Scripture
 - By Paul

1ST CORINTHIANS 2:4; 1:17

– By James

JAMES 3:15



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- Summarized
 - Paul: Sophistry & Eloquence 2ND TIMOTHY 4:2-4
 - James: Selfish, Demonic
 - **JAMES 1:14, 15**

JAMES 3:16; 1ST CORINTHIANS 12-14

– Confusion

ROMANS 2:8, 9; 3RD JOHN 1:9, 10

- Self-Seeking
- **JAMES 3:14, 15; PROVERBS 14:30**
- Bitter Envy
- Its Products:

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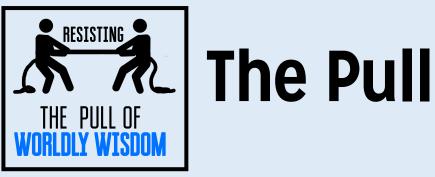
- Its Products:
 - Evil

JAMES 3:16

Boasts and Lies Against the Truth
 JAMES 3:14; ROMANS 1:18, 21



- To Value It Over God's Wisdom
 - Man Declares That God Does Not Exist
 - Man Declares Himself Wise
 ROMANS 1:21, 22



- To Value It Over God's Wisdom
 - Man Declares There Is No 'Wrong'

ROMANS 1:23-32; GENESIS 6:5, 11-12

– Man Declares There Is No Accountability

ECCLESIASTES 8:11; PSALM 10:13



- To Side With 'The Majority'
 - Peer Pressure

PROVERBS 1:10, 14-16

Social Pressure



- To Side With 'The Majority'
 - Legal Pressure

MATTHEW 27:24

– Religious Pressure



- The Reality of Worldly Wisdom:
 - It Is Not As Deep As Advertised
 JOB 38-40
 - It Begins With the Rejection of God
 ROMANS 1:18-32



- The Reality of Worldly Wisdom:
 - It is Actually Foolishness
- 1ST COR. 1:20, 25; 3:18, 19; PROV. 26:12
 - It Cannot Help Us Spiritually

MATTHEW 16:26



- Honesty
 - Which is <u>True</u> Wisdom?
 - About the End Result of Following Each
 PROVERBS 14:12; 12:16



- Love
 - Love Does Not Envy
 1ST COR. 13:4; JAMES 3:14, 15
 - Love Does Not Seek Its Own
 1ST COR. 13:5; JAMES 3:14, 15



- Humility
 - Elevating God Instead of Self
 JAMES 4:6; JOB 40:4
 - Desiring to Please God Instead of Self
 ACTS 9:6;22:10; 2ND COR. 5:9