

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



What Is 'Worldly Wisdom'?

- Summarized

- Paul: Sophistry & Eloquence

2ND TIMOTHY 4:2-4

- James: Selfish, Demonic

JAMES 1:14, 15



What Is 'Worldly Wisdom'?

- Its Products:

- Bitter Envy

JAMES 3:14, 15; PROVERBS 14:30

- Self-Seeking

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

- Confusion

JAMES 3:16; 1ST CORINTHIANS 12-14



What Is 'Worldly Wisdom'?

- Its Products:

- Evil

JAMES 3:16

- Boasts and Lies Against the Truth

JAMES 3:14; ROMANS 1:18, 21



The Pull

- To Value It Over God's Wisdom
 - Man Declares That God Does Not Exist
 - Man Declares Himself Wise

ROMANS 1:21, 22



The Pull

- 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



The Pull

- To Side With 'The Majority'

- Peer Pressure

PROVERBS 1:10, 14-16

- Social Pressure



The Pull

- To Side With 'The Majority'

- Legal Pressure

MATTHEW 27:24

- Religious Pressure



The Pull

- 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 Pull

- 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



Resisting the Pull

- **Honesty**
 - Which is True Wisdom?
 - About the End Result of Following Each

PROVERBS 14:12; 12:16



Resisting the Pull

- 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



Resisting the Pull

- 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

