



# THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

## THIS WEEK AT THF

### TUESDAY

7:00pm-9:00pm ▶ **THF COLLEGE - Worship & Small Groups**  
Meets at THF!

### WEDNESDAY

7:00pm-8:30pm ▶ **THF STUDENTS - Worship & Small Groups**  
Doors & Youth Cafe open at 6:30pm

### THURSDAY

6:30am-7:30am ▶ **MEN'S MINISTRY - Fellowship & Bible Study**  
Meets in the THF Mall

# FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

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## UPCOMING AT THF

**MAR 10 & 17**  
**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:30AM**

**APR 19-21**  
**MEN'S RETREAT**  
Details to Come!

### PRINTING YOUR GIVING STATEMENT

#### VISIT

[www.theheightsfellowship.org](http://www.theheightsfellowship.org)

- Click Connect Link
- Click Online Member Portal
- Click Infellowship
- Log in or create an account)
- Change year to 2023
- Click View

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### FEBRUARY 4, 2024

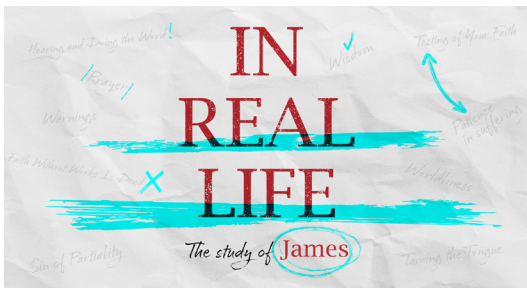
**BUDGET GIVING:** \$15,822.24

**BUDGET NEEDS:** \$18,919.00

#### YEAR TO DATE

**BUDGET GIVING:** \$75,404.31

**BUDGET NEEDS:** \$91,893.00



## WORDS OF WISDOM

### James 3:13-18

It is hard to find a self-professed fool. Most people have an elevated and unrealistically high opinion of their wisdom...They believe they are just as 'savvy' as the next person and that their opinion is usually better than anyone else's. - John MacArthur

**If God Came to you and said,  
"Name ONE THING I can give you." For what one thing would you ask?**

**SOLOMON - 1 KINGS 3:5-6,9-12; 4:29-31; 5:12; 10:23-24**

### The Bible is a Book About Wisdom

- 'wise' or 'wisdom' used 393 times in Bible (nas)
- 'wisdom' and 'understanding' used together 53 times in Bible
- Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon comprise a section of the Bible called THE BOOKS OF WISDOM

### The Bible Is Clear About Wisdom -

#### We are to Pursue It

*Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding,*  
**CF PROV 4:7** Proverbs 3:13 niv

#### We Know GOD is the Source of All TRUE Wisdom

*For God is so wise and so mighty. Who has ever challenged him successfully?*  
Job 9:4 nlt

#### We are told JESUS is the pure expression of God's Wisdom

*But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption* **CF COL 2:3** Corinthians 1:30

#### When we TRUST and YIELD to God's Holy Spirit We Become WISE

*Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.*  
Acts 6:3 niv

### God is very clear that there are TWO KINDS of Wisdom

#### 1 Corinthians 1 -

20 So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made them all look foolish and has shown their wisdom to be useless nonsense. 21 Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never find him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save all who believe. 25 This "foolish" plan of God is far wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is far stronger than the greatest of human strength. 27 Instead, God deliberately chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose those who are powerless to shame those who are powerful. (nlt)

James says a proof is REAL is: WHICH WISDOM DO YOU FOLLOW?

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.  
james 3:13-18

### Wisdom is VISIBLE in what it produces! <sup>v13</sup>

**wisdom** (sophos) - general knowledge

**understanding** (episteémoon) - to know with superior skill (how to use)

IF one claims to have REAL wisdom, it cannot be CONCEALED

James notes it will be evident in two things:

GOOD BEHAVIOR - how you live

**KJV USES 'CONVERSATION'  
ARCHAIC USE FOR BEHAVIOR**

**deeds in gentleness** - (prautes) - not weakness but **power under control**

*Real wisdom will SHOW itself in good living and humble attitude*

### False Wisdom Can be VICIOUS <sup>vv14-16</sup>

- It is rooted in **bitter jealousy** and **selfish ambition**
- It is CONTRARY to **TRUTH**
- Its **CHARACTER** is:
  - Wordly** -
  - Natural** -
  - Demonic** -

It shows itself in what it creates: DISORDER AND EVERY EVIL THING

### Wisdom Can be VICTORIOUS <sup>vv17-18</sup>

**PARALLELS BETWEEN THESE  
AND SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

- pure** -
- peaceable** -
- gentle** -
- reasonable** -
- full of mercy** -
- full of good fruit** -
- unwavering** -
- without hypocrisy** -

It shows itself in what it creates: GODS WISDOM PRODUCES RIGHT LIVING

*The fruit of righteousness will be peace;  
the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.*  
Isaiah 32:17 niv

**THF LIFENotes**  
**Week of February 11**

1. Who in your life has exemplified and imparted Godly wisdom? What characteristics mark his or her life?
  
2. How does the world's definition of wisdom differ from Scripture's definition?
  
3. According to James 3:13, why can't someone whose life is marked by immorality be considered wise?
  
4. What's the difference between knowing facts and possessing Godly wisdom?
  
5. Discuss with your group the parallels between the characteristics of wisdom in James 3:17-18 and the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7.