1. **Application**
2. **Pursue true wisdom**Are you seeking wisdom from God’s Word?

1. **Examine relationships**

Are you showing favoritism to others based upon what they look like, what they do, or their similarities to you?

1. **Meditate on James**

Is your faith evidencing itself in good works? Do you have people in your life who can help you grow in this way?

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***Core Seminars—New Testament***

**Class 20: James:**

**The Wisdom of the Kingdom**

**Introduction**

1 Corinthians 1: 18–25

1. **Purpose**

That Christians would apply the Gospel to their lives and thus live wisely and in the fear of the Lord.

1. **Authorship & Date**
2. **Context & Emphasis**

**Romans 3:28:**  “For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.”

**James 2:24:**  “You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.”

Justification as a declaration vs. demonstration of righteousness

Our faith alone saves us but it is never alone. True faith is always accompanied by good works.

1. **Structure & Outline**
2. **Chapter 1: Intro**
3. **Chapter 2: Wisdom in Generosity**
4. **Chapters 3-4: Wisdom in Speech**
5. **Chapter 5: Wisdom in Use of Wealth**
6. **Major Themes**
7. **Harmony between the law and gospel**

*Three uses of the Law*

* 1. **First use: to restrain sin (Romans 1-2)**
  2. **Second use: to convict of sin (Galatians 3)**
  3. **Third use: to instruct in wisdom (James)**

**Relationship to Matthew 5-7**

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| **James** | **Matthew** | **James** | **Matthew** | **James** | **Matthew** |
| 1:2 | 5:11f. | 2:10-11 | 5:19-22 | 4:9 | 5:4 |
| 1:4 | 5:48 | 2:13 | 5:7 | 4:11-12 | 7:1 |
| 1:5 | 7:7 | 3:12 | 7:16 | 4:13-14 | 6:34 |
| 1:17 | 7:11 | 3:18 | 5:9 | 5:2 | 6:19-20 |
| 1:20 | 5:22 | 4:2-3 | 7:7-8 | 5:9 | 5:22, 7:1 |
| 1:22-24 | 7:24-26 | 4:4 | 6:24 | 5:10 | 5:11-12 |
| 2:5 | 5:3-5 | 4:8 | 6:22 | 5:12 | 5:34-35 |

1. **Faithful Submission**

The wisdom of God vs. this world (James 3:13-18)

1. **Practical Obedience**

Be doers of God’s word (**James 1: 25**)

1. **Three Arenas**

**Generous Love (James 2:1-16)**

**Careful Speech (James 3:1-12; 4:1-3, 11-17)**

**Compassionate Wealth (James 1:9-11, 27; 4:13-17)**