

Chapters 9-12 Making sure it's God doing the changing.

There are 3 main sources of wisdom: ●Self (our natural senses), or Others

●Worldly/demons

●God

Session Goal: To examine myself and reject any sources of worldly wisdom which would seek to conform me into its mold.

II. Chapters 10 & 11: Source #2 Worldly/Demonic

A. Jn.12:31; 14:30; 16:11 – Discuss who is the “ruler of this world”?

1. What did the serpent offer to Eve in Gen.3:5? _____

2. In light of 2 Cor.4:4 & 1Jn. 5:19 discuss how we should regard any wisdom or knowledge that comes from this world: _____

a. Discuss 1 Tim.6:20,21 - _____

B. What's wrong with adopting the world's view of life's purpose and goals?

1.Discuss Jn.15:18 & 1Jn.3:13 - _____

2.1Jn. 2:15- _____

3.Discuss various mind-molding sources you have encountered?

4.How did you deal with them? _____

C. Discuss Eph.4:14; 2 Pet.3:16 & Col.2:8 in light of Matt.15:9 – _____

1.How do the above verses differ in scope and purpose from Eph.2:1,2 & 4:17,18-

2. Discuss 1Jn.4:4-6 may reveal to us regarding being "of the world" and "of God"?

3.According to Jas.3:14-16 what is produced in the lives of people who follow the sources of wisdom which do not come from God? _____

4. According to Jas.3:13,17,18 what is produced in the lives of people who follow the sources of wisdom which do come from God? _____

1Cor.1:20-25 – "Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength".