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Lesson 87: 2 Samuel 10:1-14 Return to Sender

Read 1 Corinthians 15:33. Paul is addressing the Corinthian church and rebuking them for their pride, their disunity, and their favoritism that they show in their relationships. In this verse, Paul actually quotes a play from the time. What does “Bad company ruins good morals” mean?

Read Proverbs 13:20 and Proverbs 27:17. How do these verses confirm the quote that Paul shared?

Read Colossians 3:12-17. As Christians, what “clothing” should we be seen wearing? (What do we put on?)

Consider the reality that what Paul is telling us here is what normal Christian life should look like, not crazy, radical Christians.

Look back at verses 16-17. When the Word of Christ dwells in us, what happens?

From where do we gain wisdom?

Knowledge? Thankfulness? Teaching? Admonition of Truth? Everything should be held up to the mirror of Scripture, which is the world’s most accurate mirror. Consider this statement: “People don’t need to know my opinion or what I think; they need the accurate truth.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

Read Psalm 119:97-99. What is it that makes the Psalmist wiser than his enemies?

Where do we find God’s commandments/laws today?

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What is able to make us wise?

Of what use is Scripture? What is the end result of these uses?

Read James 3:13-18. What characteristics are attributed to wisdom here? (I count 9 between verses 13-17)

What characteristics are not part of wisdom? (I count 3)

Again, where does this wisdom come from?

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to help you to see who's wisdom you are relying on. Consider where you go to first when something stressful happens: to God or to a person/friend/spouse. Consider where you go first when something wonderful happens. Ask God to help you to make HIM your first priority in all things. To seek His wisdom above everyone else and to carefully consider whether your friendships are edifying and are sharpening relationships, or whether they are stagnant. Ask Him to help you to place appropriate boundaries in your relationships so that your focus remains on Him.