

Pastoral Notes

'What kind of Wisdom do we have?'- James 3: 13-17.

If you were unable to attend this year's Annual Men's Day celebration, you missed a treat. The praise was high and the worship was wonderful. We were blessed by our guest minister and brother, in Christ, Rev. Clem McCullough, of Second Baptist Church, Elgin, IL

Rev. Clem challenged us to consider if we **are living and expressing Godly**

Key Sermonic Points:

1. *What Wisdom Does*
2. *Who is your character*
3. *Don't worry about what folks think*

wisdom or worldly wisdom. There is a difference between the two. While wisdom is a function of experiences lived, he stated that 'some older people are wise, while others are just old'.

After giving us a high level summary of the five (5) chapters of James, Rev. Clem informed us that **the key to gaining wisdom is gaining a relationship with God and then modelling ourselves after Jesus.** Wisdom is often manifest, through our **ability to control our tongue.** The speech of a true Christian

should not be harsh. It should **be gentle and filled with compassion.** How you say things is often as important as what it is that you say.

Rev. Clem also noted the importance of **listening in gaining wisdom.** He commented that we have two ears and one mouth for a good reason. It is better to listen more and speak less.

Rev. Clem, concluded his marvelous message with an illustration of an Ostrich. He needed to do this to honor his wife's request to

always use an animal in his sermons (he is one of the only people to have grown up, in Elgin, IL, on a farm with animals). Ostriches are considered dumb for sticking their head in ground. They do this, however, to turn the eggs they have hid in the ground -- quite wise. Like Ostriches, **we must use our wisdom to turn our lives and bad situations around.**

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Stay Blessed,
Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

- What wisdom does is to give you understanding of how you are and what God desires of you.
- Each of us should truly evaluate who our character is patterned after. How is it that others see you. If it is not right, used this time we have been given seek God for help to improve it. Don't fall back on the excuse 'God knows my heart'.
- While we do want to gain the accolades of people, we must realize that what people think of us, pales in comparison to what God thinks of us..