

MY NOTES

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking: It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this right now by building our own building on the land just north of us.

There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If it gets too hot, we may hand out popsicles to help you cool off and give you a sugar rush. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15 am service. Please understand that all of these “challenges” are because of our love for Jesus, people, and growth that has come quickly. These are good things. We hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here. If you would like more information about our building process or how you can participate, you can visit: www.elementroots.org.

- The Element Team

Week 31

ACTS

A Wisdom To Be Lived In

TODAY'S VERSES:

James 1:5

Acts 6:10

Proverbs 8:1-4, 12-13

Proverbs 8:22-23

Proverbs 9:13-16

Proverbs 10:8

Proverbs 19:24

Proverbs 5:18-19

Proverbs 11:22

Proverbs 27:15

Proverbs 10:11

Proverbs 17:28

Proverbs 21:20

Proverbs 19:17

Proverbs 27:2

Proverbs 16:18

Proverbs 3:5-6

1 Corinthians 1:30

Colossians 1:15-17

Colossians 2:1-3



This Week: Week 3

Watch & Discuss Video 3.

Financial Peace

University A 9 week class which covers budgeting, savings, paying off debt and more! Signup today!

(Re)Commitment Sunday
Sunday, September 18!

So far in Acts:
 Guidance That Leads Us
 A Heritage That Informs Us
 Worship That Reminds Us
 Preaching That Changes Us
 Generosity That Defines Us
 Compassion That Is Bigger Than Us
 Truth That Challenges Us
 Community That Encourages Us
 Membership That Accounts For Us
 Accountability That Exposes Us
 A Hope That Heals Us
 A Joy In Our Identity
 A Lifestyle of Mission
 Leadership That Grows Through Mistakes
 A Peace That Speaks For Us
 A Theology That Informs Us
 A Calling That Kills Us
 Words That Scatter Us
 A Spirit That Humbles Us
 A Baptism That Unifies Us
 A Discipline That Restores Us
 Passion That Speaks Through Us
 Grace That Welcomes Us
 A God That Goes Ahead of Us
 A Salvation That Is Bigger Than Us



Week 31 – James 1:5 A Wisdom To Be Lived In

The bible says there are two ways to live: the way of the wise or the way of the foolish. We can all have the same knowledge, but wisdom is how we live out that knowledge. Here is the wisdom test: put a mark between 1-10 (1 being unwise, 10 being wise) of how God would rate you.

Wise attitudes.

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Wise initiative.

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Wise sexuality

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Wise speech.

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Wise financial decisions.

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Wise humility.

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Wise commitment.

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Who could you share your answers with (even the ones that are uncomfortable to share)?

What can change this week to be closer to 10-like behavior?

Which one of these do you struggle with the most?

Read Proverbs 9:3-6 and Proverbs 9:13-16.

Why is wisdom and foolishness spoken of in the same language?



INTRODUCTION – Please watch this week’s video at:

www.elementroots.org/remix/week3

The researchers Lea and Webley coined a metaphor for American culture and our use of money. They say money is a tool and also a drug. They say, “For a long time economists thought of money only as a tool. We value money because it’s useful.” Money does lots of useful things as a medium of exchange. For example, we can pay the bills to keep our lights on and stay fed, but, they point out, if money is only a tool, then why do people who have a lot of it want more? This shows, they say, “Money is also a drug.” Money makes us feel things we would not otherwise feel and gives us a temporary escape from reality with the illusion of wellbeing.

DISCUSSION

Give some examples of money being used as a tool and as a drug in our culture.

EXPLANATION

Based upon how you use money, would you say money (for you) is a tool or a drug? How?

Do you feel tempted to make money a drug in your life?

APPLICATION – Read Proverbs 30:15, 1 Timothy 6:9 and Matt. 6:24.

When are you most prone to forget that God is the owner of everything?

If you were to die today (I know, morbid thought), what money regrets would you have? What things would you rejoice over?

How can an eternal mindset change how you handle money today?

MISSION

In what ways do you, or don’t you, equate giving with worship?

What would your kids, friends, and/or family learn about money by watching your life?

PRAY FOR

Element as a gospel community of faith: Humble thankful people of grace and goodness, Philosophy of Ministry, Gospel Communities, learning to live on mission, becoming disciples who make disciples.