

## **A Contrast in Strategies**

The Edge – Part 3 of 5

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*Luke 7:35 But wisdom is proved right by all her children.” NIV84*

### **A foolish strategy leaves a wake of turmoil in its path**

*James 3:14-16 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.*

*<sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ESV*

### **Motives Behind Foolish Strategy**

*Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. ESV*

- Bitter Jealousy
- Selfish Ambition

### **Characteristics of Foolish Strategy**

- Earthly
- Unspiritual
- Demonic

## **The Results of Foolish Strategy**

- Disorder
- Every evil practice

## **The profile of a heavenly strategy**

*James 3:17-18 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ESV*

## **Characteristics of Wise Strategies**

- Pure
- Peaceable
- Gentle
- Open to reason
- Full of mercy and good fruits
- Impartial
- Sincere

**What is your next step today based on what God has said to you through this message?**