



James 3:13-18

True Faith Works Us Towards True Wisdom

- I. True wisdom is seen in our _____ , not just our _____ (James 3:13).
- II. There are _____ kinds of wisdom (James 3:15-17).
 - A. Wisdom from _____ (James 3:15a, 17).
 - B. Wisdom from _____ (James 3:15b, 16).
- III. There are four _____ of wisdom (James 3:15).
 - A. The _____ (James 3:15b).
 - B. The _____ (James 3:15c).
 - C. The _____ (James 3:15d).
 - D. _____ (James 3:17).
- IV. There are two _____ that distinguish which wisdom you are dealing with (James 3:14-18).
 - A. _____-centered traits that denigrate God come from _____ (James 3:14-16).
 - B. _____-centered traits that emulate God come from _____ (James 3:17-18).
- V. There are two _____ to whichever wisdom you employ (James 3:16, 18).
 - A. _____ and every vile practice (James 3:16).
 - B. Righteousness and _____ (James 3:18).



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. How do you define wisdom? Is there more than one form of wisdom? Where do you find wisdom? How do other philosophies define wisdom?
2. Is it surprising that James points to actions as the characteristic of wisdom?
3. Think about someone that you respect as being wise. Do their actions follow their words?
4. What is meekness? What does it mean to “show works in the meekness of wisdom”? How does Scripture reveal Jesus Christ as meek (hint: read 2 Corinthians 10:1, Philippians 2:3, Proverbs 11:2)?
5. If you had to identify two types of wisdom, what would they be? What does James identify as the two types of wisdom (specifically in 3:13-18 and what distinguishes each?
6. James clarifies four sources of wisdom. What were they? What do we learn about each one?
 - a. Hint: Source one – Romans 12:2, 1 John 2:16
 - b. Hint: Source two – 1 John 2:16, James 4:1-2
 - c. Hint: Source three – John 10:10, 1 Peter 5:8
 - d. Hint: Source four – Proverbs 3:6, Romans 11:33
7. How do you know which wisdom you have? What characteristics does James list in this passage?
8. What is the result of wisdom from above? What is the result of wisdom from below?
9. Compare James’ list in 3:18 with Paul’s list in Galatians 5:22 and Ephesians 5:9. What do you learn by comparing the two lists?

10. If we will be known by our fruits (James 2:26, Matthew 7:15-20) – what do your actions reveal about you?
11. Regarding the statement from the message “I can’t guarantee you will hit what you’re aiming for, but do you even know what you are aiming for?” What are you wanting your life to achieve to honor Jesus? Are you making the daily progression to hit that goal? What practical wisdom can you employ to better reach this goal?