

# JAMES 3:13-18

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#### Signs: 3:13-14

##### 1. The Wise (vs. 13)

- a. "Good Life" - καλοζ αναστροφη (Gr.) – kalos anastrophe – “virtuous manner of life”
- b. “deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom” – lit. “wisdom’s gentleness” (HCSB)

##### 2. The Unwise (vs. 14)

- a. “bitter envy” - πικροζ ζηλοζ (Gr.) – pikros zelos – “sharp zealous jealousy”
- b. “selfish ambition” - εριθεια (Gr.) – eritheia – “faction, strife, putting one’s self forward”

**QUESTION: Why does James spend more time on “deeds” than “talking”?**

#### Characteristics: 3:14-15, 17

##### 1. The Wise (vs. 17)

- a. Pure – Clean, clear
- b. Peace-loving - Peaceable
- c. Considerate – Mild, Moderate
- d. Submissive – Compliant; Easily Obeying
- e. Full of Mercy – compassion, Kindness, Goodwill
- f. Full of Good Fruit – Moves things forward
- g. Impartial – (See James 2)
- h. Sincere - Real

##### 2. The Unwise (vs. 14-15)

- a. Arrogance – Rejoice against
- b. Dishonest – To deceive
- c. Earthly – Mortal
- d. Unspiritual – Of a bestial nature
- e. Demonic – Resembling an evil spirit

**QUESTION: If the world was to rank the Church using these characteristics, where would it rank most? Why? Is that a flaw?**

# The Results: 3:16, 18

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- a. Righteousness - δικαιοσυνη (Gr.) – dikaiosyne – “state of him who is as he ought to be; justification
- b. Peace - ειρηνη (Gr.) – eirene – state of tranquility

## 2. The Unwise (vs. 16)

- a. Disorder - ακαταστασια (Gr.) – akatastasia – instability; a state of disorder
- b. Every evil practice - φαυλοζ (Gr.) – phaulos – mean; worthless; of no account

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