

**James 3:17b** “..., impartial and sincere.”

## H. Wisdom from heaven is sincere.

**Matthew 6:2** “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.”

**Matthew 6:5** “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.”

**Matthew 6:16** “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.”

**James 3:18** “Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

### How can we apply this lesson to our life?

#### A. Is the wisdom from heaven revealed by the way you live?

**2 Peter 1:3** “His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.”

#### B. Is your life characterized by the wisdom of the world?

**Ephesians 2:1** “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>[2]</sup> In which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit that is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>[3]</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest we were by nature objects of wrath.”

#### C. Have you trusted Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?

**I Corinthians 1:30** “It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”

## Two Kinds of Wisdom

**James 3:13-18**

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## I. There is wisdom from heaven.

**\*\*James 3:13a** “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.”

### A. Godly wisdom is revealed by right actions.

**\*\*James 3:13b** “... Let them show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.”

### B. Godly wisdom is revealed by the right attitude.

**\*\*James 3:13c** “... by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.”

**Matthew 11:28** “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>[29]</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

**Matthew 21:5** “Say to the Daughter of Zion, See your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

**Matthew 5:5** “Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth.”

## II. There is wisdom from this world.

### A. Worldly wisdom is demonstrated by bitter envy.

**\*\*James 3:14** “But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.”

**Acts 7:9** “Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him.”

**Acts 13:45** “When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying.”

### B. Worldly wisdom is displayed by selfish ambition.

**\*\*James 3:14b** "... and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth."

**Galatians 5:19** "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>[20]</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions. <sup>[21]</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

**Philippians 2:3** "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."

**\*\*James 3:14b** "... do not boast about it or deny the truth."

### **C. Worldly wisdom is described as evil.**

**\*\*James 3:15** "Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil."

**\*\*James 3:16** "For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice."

**Luke 21:9** "When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

**James 1:8** "He is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does."

## **III. There is a description of wisdom from Heaven.**

### **A. Wisdom from heaven is pure.**

**James 3:17a** "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; ...."

**Ephesians 4:22** "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>[23]</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>[24]</sup> And to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

**Romans 12:2** "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is ... His good, pleasing and perfect will."

**Matthew 5:8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

### **B. Wisdom from heaven is peace-loving.**

**James 3:17b** "... then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

**Philippians 2:3** "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>[4]</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

**Matthew 5:9** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

### **C. Wisdom from heaven is considerate.**

**James 3:17b** "... considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

**Matthew 5:10** "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>[11]</sup> Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

**Matthew 5:12** "Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**Matthew 5:5** "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

### **D. Wisdom from heaven is submissive.**

**James 3:17b** "... submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

**Matthew 5:3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

### **E. Wisdom from heaven is full of mercy.**

**James 3:17b** "... full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

**Matthew 5:7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

### **F. Wisdom from heaven is shown by good fruit.**

**James 3:17b** "... and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

**Matthew 5:6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

### **G. Wisdom from heaven is impartial.**