Be Wise About Wisdom
James 3:13-18
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BIG IDEA: Discern the differences between heavenly wisdom and worldly wisdom.

James 3:13-18 | "13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 <u>But</u> if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, <u>but</u> is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 <u>But</u> the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

HEAVENLY WISDOM

<u>Expression:</u> "By good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom." (v. 13)

<u>Nature:</u> "pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere" (v. 17)

MAN ⟶ <u>Fruit:</u> "harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." (v. 18)

MAN ⟶ <u>Fruit:</u> "there will be disorder and every evil practice" (v. 16)

<u>Nature:</u> "earthly, unspiritual, and demonic" (v. 15)

<u>Expression:</u> "But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts," (v. 14a)

WORLDLY WISDOM

What is the difference between earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom?

I. Different Expression (3:13-14)

    1. Heavenly wisdom (v. 13)
        i. Good conduct
        ii. Good works done in meekness

2. Worldly wisdom (v. 14)
    i. Bitter jealousy
    ii. Selfish ambition

II. Different Nature (3:15, 17)

1. Worldly wisdom (v. 15)
    i. Earthly
    ii. Unspiritual
    iii. Demonic

2. Heavenly wisdom (v. 17)
    i. Pure
    ii. Peaceable
    iii. Gentle
    iv. Open to reason
    v. Full of mercy and good fruits
    vi. Impartial
    vii. Sincere

III. Different Fruit

1. Worldly wisdom (v. 16)
    i. Disorder
    ii. Every vile practice

2. Heavenly wisdom (v. 18)
    i. Peace
    ii. Righteousness