

FaithWorks

Week #6: Faith works Wisdom

James 3:13-18

Benjamin Franklin - *“Who is wise? He that learns from everyone.
Who is powerful? He that governs his passions.
Who is rich? He that is content.
Who is that? Nobody.”*

Question #1 - What makes you **wise**?

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

Question #2 - What drives your **life**?

- James 3:14-16 - *14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.*
- Proverbs 3:7 - *Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.*

Pure wisdom comes from truly knowing **God’s** love.

- James 3:17,18 - *17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.*

Faith works **wisdom** that is centered on being **selfless**.

FaithWorks Question

Is this **wise**?

Follow-up: Is this **you-first** or **me-first**?

Points to Ponder

- 1) Why is it so hard for people to be selfless? Why is it hard for you to be selfless when it comes to the needs of others? What passages can you memorize to help you be wise and in humility live a you-first life this week?
- 2) Re-read James 3:17. Which of those wisdom qualities do you struggle with the most? Why do you struggle with it - be specific?
- 3) Think of 3 practical ways that you can model James 3:13 this week. Write them down...revisit them every morning this week.

Homework: James 4:1-12