

REAL FAITH FOR THE REAL WORLD

The Book of James

PART 11

TRUE WISDOM

Pursuing the Way of Faith in a World of Folly
(James 3:13-18)

INTRODUCTION:

PREVIOUSLY: TAMING THE TONGUE (JAMES 3:1-12)

“Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. ² For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.”

- The Proper Pursuit: Our primary ambition should be for the pursuit of maturity, not a position of authority. For with greater authority comes greater accountability.
- The Proper Perspective: Self-mastery begins with the tongue.

TODAY: WALKING IN THE WAY WISDOM (JAMES 3:13-18)

“I have directed you in the way of wisdom;
I have led you in upright paths.

—Proverbs 4:11

PREVIOUSLY, FROM JAMES 1:5-8

- What is wisdom? It is _____.
- Why We Need It #1: _____ Because we are finite, fallen, fallible, and in the flesh.
- Why We Need It #2: It is difficult to act wisely when you are in the heat of a _____
— when you have been wronged or wounded, or when you are weary and wrestling with what God is doing.
- Where We Find It: It begins with a proper _____ for and a passionate _____ of God.

1A. THE WAY OF WISDOM: A _____ : (3:13-14)

“Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.”

- True wisdom is exhibited through godly _____ and _____.
It is your _____, not simply your _____, that ultimately gives evidence of true wisdom.

2A. THE WAY OF WISDOM: A _____ : (3:15-18)

1B. The Way of _____ : The _____, _____ and _____ of _____ Wisdom. (v. 15-16)

*"This wisdom is **not that which comes down from above**, but is earthly, natural, demonic.
¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing."*

1C. Its _____ : (v. 15)

2C. Its _____ : (v. 16a)

3C. Its _____ : (v. 16b)

2B. The Way of _____ : The _____, _____ and _____ of _____ Wisdom. (v. 17-18)

*"But the wisdom **from above** is **first** pure, **then** peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.¹⁸ And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."*

1C. Its _____ : (v. 17a)

2C. Its _____ : (v. 17b)

3C. Its _____ : (v. 18)

CONCLUSION: