
JAMES – Practical Christianity

Claiming the Wisdom of God

Part 8

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James 3:13-18

There Is a Right Way and a Wrong Way to Live

“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.” *Proverbs 16:25, NLT*

The First Step to Living Right Is to
Confess My Brokenness

There Is a True Wisdom and a False Wisdom

“If you are wise and understand God’s ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don’t cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.”

James 3:13–16, NLT

Characteristics of False Wisdom

Characteristics of True Wisdom

“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” *James 3:17–18, ESV*

The Good News Is: Anyone Can Move from
False Wisdom into True Wisdom

Most of My Problems Happen Because I Try to Live the Right Way Based on False Wisdom

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,” **2**
Timothy 3:16, ES

This Is What Messes Up Most Believers
We Are Not Totally Convinced That God Is Right

The Only Way to Live in The Right Way Is to Pursue the True Wisdom –
We Have the Want Without the Pursuit

I Become What I Saturate Myself In

1. It Takes Guidance
2. It Takes Support
3. It Takes Discipline
4. It Takes Application

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” **Matthew 6:33, ESV**