

7. What does James mean when he says “wisdom from above is pure, peace-loving, gentle...” (v. 17)? Give an example of how these traits reflect Jesus’ character in His earthly ministry:
8. How does this passage connect to James’s earlier teaching about the tongue (3:1-12) or about faith and works (2:14-26)?

LIVE IT - How should this change the way I live?

9. In your own life, where have you seen envy or selfish ambition bring disorder or conflict the most?
10. Which one trait of “wisdom from above” (pure, peace-loving, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy, without favoritism, without hypocrisy) do you most need to ask God to grow in you this week? (*Pick one or two to work on*)
11. Pick one specific relationship or setting this week where you can be a peacemaker?

SHOW ME YOUR WISDOM

JAMES 3:13-18

*wisdom is not shown by your **arguments**
but by your **gentleness**.*

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I. WISDOM ON DISPLAY (v. 13)

True wisdom is not _____ by your words, but by your works.

Gentleness is _____ under the Spirit's control.

LIVE IT OUT:

*Wisdom that comes from above does not crush people with pride;
it shepherds people with gentleness.*

II. EARTHLY WISDOM (vv. 14-16)

Don't pretend you're wise when _____ and _____ are running the show.

Every _____ of bitter envy and selfish ambition is a replay of the devil's original rebellion.

When bitter envy and selfish ambition take root in the human heart, they don't stay _____.

LIVE IT OUT:

*Envy breeds chaos.
God's wisdom builds peace.*

III. GODLY WISDOM (vv. 17-18)

Unlike the wisdom of the world, which tears down, godly wisdom _____.

Righteousness grows where _____ is planted.

**WHEN THE CHURCH LIVES OUT GOD'S WISDOM,
SOWING PEACE, THE RESULT IS A RIGHTEOUS
HARVEST THAT POINTS PEOPLE TO CHRIST.**

LIVE IT OUT:

*Righteousness doesn't just appear.
it grows where peacemakers have sown it.*

#9 DIVE DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

JAMES 3:13-18

1. What stuck out the most to you from this week's message?

SEE IT - What do you notice about this passage?

2. According to verse 13, how does James say wisdom should be shown?

3. What words or phrases are repeated in this passage?

4. How does James describe "wisdom from above" in verses 17-18? What are its qualities?

BELIEVE IT - What does this passage mean?

5. Why do you think James emphasizes "good conduct" and "gentleness" as proof of wisdom (v. 13)?

6. In verses 14-16, how do envy and selfish ambition reveal a heart problem, not just an action problem?