

**James**  
Chapter 3:13-18

**Chapter 1:** Spiritual maturity is born in suffering

**Chapter 2:** Spiritual maturity is evidenced in action

**Chapter 3:** Spiritual maturity is heard and spoken in word

**Chapter 4:** Spiritual maturity resist the devil and draws near to God

**Chapter 5:** Spiritual maturity prays and gathers others

**This is not wisdom (13-16)**

- Wisdom as in the knowledge of God (Rabbinical not Theoretical)
- Understanding - expertise/experienced/intelligent
- Let him show - expose to the eyes, demonstrate
- *Meekness* as in the opposite of arrogance (Matt 5:5)
- Bitter jealousy - envy/strong feeling of resentment, promote one's own desires
- Especially self promotion over the care of another
- Again, these are all present tense as to stop in action or the progress of habits
- These are 'action' that bear false testimony to the truth and your confession
- This is not the wisdom that comes from but is unspiritual
- A perversion of God's word and calling
- Earthly - terrestrial, fallen
- Unspiritual - animal like, brute, base, stained with sin
- Devilish - resembling from an evil spirit, demonic (2:19)
- Verse 16 uses language used for political 'anarchy'
- Confusion, instability, trouble, disturbances
- This was a in the sense of troubling believers in the church

**This is wisdom (17-18)**

- God's wisdom is pure - sincere/moral/spiritual integrity
- Peaceable - loving promotion of others and peace itself
- Gentle - reasonable in judging, steadfastness in trusting God is spite of all (2 cor. 10:1)
- Easily persuaded, willing to yield, opposite of disobedient, undivided, unwavering
- Wholehearted, not hypocritical
- Fruit in righteousness. True wisdom is a gift , it sows good fruits, its end is to enjoy
- Do not esteem yourself just because you know things, but the right application of that knowledge.
- Envy & selfish ambition are opposed to humility that wisdom brings
- True wisdom does not disguises nor deceives
- True wisdom contains sacrifice, persuasions to God's word and submission to Him