

James: Faith/Works Pt. 7

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## God's Wisdom Unfolds Before You

*Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Psalm 119:104-5

## God's Wisdom is Ancient, Ageless and Applicable.

Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from?

James 4:1 (MES)

- Two Kinds of Wisdom

James 3:13-17 (8/15/21)

## God's Wisdom for Afghanistan

1. Remember the Gospel, not the government is the answer.
2. Stand with our hurting Christian brothers and sisters.
3. Sustain partnerships that advance the LIGHT in the darkest, most dangerous parts of the world.
4. Pray for an increase in spiritual discernment for our government leaders.

Hebrews 13:3

## God's Wisdom for My LIFE

*What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.*

James 4:1-2 (MES)

- James 3:15-16
- Galatians 5:17

## Quarreling is a mark of IMMATURITY.

- Ephesians 4:31b
- 1 Corinthians 3:3
- Proverbs 11:29

## God's Wisdom Helps Me QUARREL Less.

1. I will take RESPONSIBILITY to change.

- *Wash your hands of your sins, and purify your heart of your double-minded living. Be sad and sorry and grieve over your actions. Stop laughing at your sin and get serious about it.*

James 4:8-9

2. I will properly focus your EXPECTATIONS.

- *You don't have, because you don't ask God for it. And if you ask, you don't receive it because you ask with the wrong motivation . . ."*

James 4:2b-3

- *"You cheat on God when you have an affair with what the world values. To love what the world loves is to hate God and to be the enemy of God! This is what the Scripture means when it says that God's Spirit who lives inside us is intensely jealous. He wants our faithful love. That's why he gives us so much grace!"*

James 4:4-6a

**3. I will choose humility over PRIDEFUL ANGER.**

- *"As Scripture says, 'God opposes the prideful but gives his grace to the humble.' So, give yourselves completely to God!"* **James 4:6b-7**
- *"If you humble yourself before the Lord, he will lift you up!"* **James 4:10**
- *"Pride only leads to quarrels."* **Proverbs 13:10**

**4. I will recognize the SOURCE of hurtful words.**

- *"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* **James 4:7b (NLT)**
- *"Anger gives a mighty foothold to the devil."* **Ephesians. 4:27**
- *"We are very aware of Satan's schemes so that he doesn't outwit us." **2 Cor. 2:1***
- *"Get rid of all bitterness and angry rage. Never shout harsh words, insults, cursing, or any other type of rude or hurtful talk."* **Ephesians 4:31**

**5. I will Pray SILENTLY during a quarrel.**

- *"If you draw close to God, he will draw close to you."* **James 4:8a**

**6. Invite Jesus to MANAGE your thoughts and words.**

- *Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you. God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?* **James 4:11-12**
- *Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking, because as members of Christ's body, you are called to live in peace."* **Colossians 3:15**

**My Notes**

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