



Closing the Gap: The Meekness of Wisdom

James 3:13-18 – August 24, 2025

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[13] Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. [14] But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. [15] This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. [16] For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. [17] But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. [18] And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (ESV)

1 Corinthians 1:30

[30] And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, (ESV)

Numbers 12:3

[3] Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. (ESV)

1 Peter 2:23

[23] When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. (ESV)

Proverbs 9:1-4

- [1] Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- [2] She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed
her wine; she has also set her table.
- [3] She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- [4] "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
To him who lacks sense she says,
- [5] "Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- [6] Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight." (ESV)

Introduction: Who is wise among you? (13)

Rhetorical question to plow the heart.

Trials bring rise to the question.

Show us, don't tell us.

1. "Wisdom" of man: "look at me!" (14-16)

The fruit: selfish ambition, jealousy, boasting, lying.

The root: the world, the flesh, the demons.

The harvest: disorder, every vile practice.

2. Wisdom from above: "look to Jesus!" (17-18)

*The fruit: pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason,
full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, sincere.*

The root: Jesus

The harvest: peace and righteousness.

--- Revelation Demands Response ---

3. Closing the Gap: the meekness of wisdom.

*Meekness = the quiet trust in the heart of Christ that
produces the aroma of Christ.*

Application questions on the back →

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For the following application questions, review your notes from the front.

SUNDAY after church...

Think through the morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give. 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received. 3) List songs that touched your heart.

MONDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Read Proverbs 9 and compare and contrast the way of wisdom and the way of folly. How does it add color to James 3:13-18?

TUESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Why does the world desire wisdom? Why does the Christian desire wisdom?

WEDNESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas of bitter jealousy or selfish ambition. How are we deceived into living with them in our lives? How do we get rid of them?

THURSDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** What is the source of wisdom from above? What affect does it have on your life? Are you walking in the meekness of wisdom?

FRIDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Where are you being sent this week to bring the peaceful aroma of Christ?

SATURDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS & BUILD:** How can you enter into the work of building up the Body of Christ tomorrow?

*Let us join the work of Christ in bringing His Light to the world!
Our purpose is **to know...follow...and love Christ!***

