

THE BOOK OF JAMES

James 3:13-18

Rooted Wisdom Displayed



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**Evidence Of Your Relationship With Jesus Is Crucial To
The World Knowing The Truth Of The Gospel**

John 15:5

**"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in
me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart
from me you can do nothing."**



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James 3:13–18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 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.



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REFLECTIVE BEHAVIOR**Words And Actions**

- Fruit inspection
 - Claiming to be followers of Christ
 - Can't fake it till you make it
 - True religion lived out by works and words



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REFLECTIVE BEHAVIOR

Words And Actions

- Fruit inspection
- Checking the source
 - Trees only produce like fruit
 - Water sources are salt or fresh
 - People are believers or unbelievers
 - Holy Spirit controlled or demonic controlled



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REFLECTIVE BEHAVIOR

Words And Actions

God's Wisdom

- Essential for life and trials
- Given to believers who pray with faith
 - Without regret
 - Generously
 - Certainty of the promise when prayed with faith
- Conduct – desires and behaviors – changed
 - Godly character is not self manufactured
 - Worldly character is by nature



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REFLECTIVE BEHAVIOR

Words And Actions

God's Wisdom

Good Conduct

- Definition of "good" is godly
- Polar opposite of human nature
- Demonstrated through attitude that drives actions
- Meekness – not cowardliness or passive, but trusting in God




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James 1:19–21

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore, put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.



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REFLECTIVE BEHAVIOR

Words And Actions

God's Wisdom

Good Conduct

- Definition of "good" is godly
- Polar opposite of human nature
- Demonstrated through attitude that drives actions
- Meekness – not cowardliness or passive, but trusting in God
 - Freedom from self-promotion
 - Against our human nature that is self driven




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James 2:18–20

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?



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REACTIVE BEHAVIOR

Natural Heart

- Bitter jealousy
 - Lack of joy
 - Discontent with life
- Selfish ambition
 - Not centered on God's plan
 - Self-accomplished




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Galatians 5:19–21

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



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REACTIVE BEHAVIOR

Natural Heart

From The Heart

- False boosting
- Far from the truth
- Arrogant heart



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REACTIVE BEHAVIOR

Natural Heart

From The Heart

Words, Actions, Heart – Root Issues

- Wrong view of trials
- Steadfast with God
- Hearing and doing
- Equality of humanity
- Demonstrate the heart
- Words are rooted from the heart



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REACTIVE BEHAVIOR

Natural Heart

From The Heart

Words, Actions, Heart

Harsh Reality

- Heart is not anchored with God
- Earthly – dead, lost
- Unspiritual – not directed by God
- Demonic – God influenced or demonic influenced



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REACTIVE BEHAVIOR

Natural Heart


From The Heart

Words, Actions, Heart

Harsh Reality

Evil Actions Are The Fruit

- Outward display of the heart issue
- Jealousy
- Self ambition
- Disorder
- Vile practices



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1 Timothy 4:1–5

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.



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RESTORED BEHAVIOR

Evidence Of God's Wisdom Applied

- Pure – seeking God first
- Peaceable – demonstration of God's presence
- Gentle – compassionate
- Open to reason – able to grow
- Full of mercy – understanding of mercy given
- Good fruits – not self-manufactured falsehoods
- Impartial and sincere – remembering all saved by grace alone



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Galatians 5:22–26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.




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Evidence Of God's Wisdom Applied
Harvest From The Pure Heart

- God's righteousness displayed
- Peace with God even through trials
- Growing faith on display
- Advancement of the gospel



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Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



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RESTORED BEHAVIOR

Evidence Of God's Wisdom Applied
Harvest From The Pure Heart
The Harvest Will Come

Galatians 6:7–9

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.



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Steadfast For Christ? Rooted In The World?

Proverbs 11:18–21

The wicked earns deceptive wages,
but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward.
Whoever is steadfast in righteousness will live,
but he who pursues evil will die.
Those of crooked heart are an abomination to the LORD,
but those of blameless ways are his delight.
Be assured, an evil person will not go unpunished,
but the offspring of the righteous will be delivered.



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