

Bible Study
James 3:13-18

1. James is painting again the picture of a life driven by faith
2. The first question he asks us is:
 - a. Who is wise and understanding among you?
 - i. Take a few minutes....who is the wisest person you know?
 - ii. What attributes reveal that to you?
 - b. Why do you think James starts with that question? What does that teach us about the need for Christian community?
3. What does wisdom and understanding mean?
 - a. Understanding- to put one's attention on, fix one's thoughts on, to turn one's self or one's mind to, put one's thought upon a thing
 - b. **wisdom—to execute a plan, skilled, cultivated, learned**
4. *Wisdom from above is **given**. **Understanding** is the battle for wisdom*

Let's Read...

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¹³Who is **wise** and understanding among you?

James is creating a distinction between the TRULY WISE & Earthly wisdom.

True Wisdom is shown in action, and humility. Those who fake it are: jealous, selfish, earthly, unspiritual and demonic.

Earthly Wisdom is: Focused on yourself

Bitter jealousy

Selfish Ambition

Boastful

Lying

Results: Disorder & Every Vile Practice: What does this look like?

Godly Wisdom is: Focused on others

Pure

Peaceable

Gentle

Open to Reason

Full of Mercy and good fruits

Impartial

Sincere

Results: A harvest of righteousness: What does this look like?

How can you grow in godly wisdom?