

God's Wisdom
James 3: 13-18

The tone of James in verse thirteen is one of taunting those who are self proclaimed wise guys.

- I. **The Test of True Faith by the use of Wisdom - James 3:13**
 - A. In what way are you wise and understanding, worldly or heavenly?
 - B. If you claim wisdom and understanding then demonstrate it by your good behavior - James 2:17
 - C. What deeds or activities and endeavors are you involved in?
 - D. Gentleness - Meekness is power under control - James 1:21

- II. **The Comparison - False Wisdom - James 3:14-16**
 - A. **The Motivation (v. 14) - Self - Man's own understanding, standards and objectives are opposed to God's sovereignty, will, and truth -**
 1. It all originates from the heart so watch over it - Proverbs 4:23
 2. Bitter Jealousy - pointed,sharp,prickly or pungent - (v. 11)
 3. Selfish ambition - Seeking political office or influence
 - B. **The Characteristics (v. 15) - The World, The Flesh, The Devil**
 1. Earthly - It has no place for God - "Have it your way" - Judges
 2. Natural - 1 Corinthians 2:14 - No Carnal Christians
 3. Demonic - Christainity relied on fantasy to explain science
 - a) 1 Timothy 4:1 and 2 Timothy 3:13
 - C. **The Results (v. 16) - Rebellion and Anarchy - James 1:8 and 3:8**

- III. **True Wisdom - James 3:17-18**
 - A. **The Motivation - Holiness - Psalm 51: 7 and 10, 1 John 3:3**
 - B. **The Characteristics - Heavenly in Nature, Spiritual in Essence, Divine in Origin - Matthew 5: 3 - 12**
 - C. **The Results - The Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5: 22 - 24**

- IV. **Conclusion - Godly wisdom produces a continuous righteousness in relationship with Jesus Christ and His bride - Isaiah 32:17, 2 Corinthians 9:10, Philippians 1:11**
 - **Ephesians 1:15 - 23 - A Pastor's Prayer (v. 17)**