



## **“Wisdom”**

### **Week 8: James 3:13-19**

Scholars say that the book of James is the Proverbs of the New Testament. Throughout this book, James gives us wisdom of how our faith should be put in action. Wisdom is not just an intellectual understanding of the word, but is accompanied by walking out the word of God. Wisdom shows itself when people begin living for God’s glory and praise, and not their own. If we evaluate our lives and there seems to be disorder (bitterness, jealousy, selfish ambition), and we know that this type of wisdom does not come from God, and if it doesn’t come from God, then it’s demonic. These types of attitudes in our life will destroy our contentment. It is important to be in The Word and allow it to renew your mind and change your heart!

#### **Read passage together**

Questions:

1. Who is the wisest person you know and why?
2. According to verse 13 how does someone demonstrate wisdom and understanding?
3. What is the relationship between humility and wisdom?
4. According to Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 2:6 and Proverbs 9:9-10, where does humility and wisdom come from?
5. What does it mean to fear the Lord?
6. In the passage James describes heavenly wisdom and worldly wisdom. What are some evidences of worldly wisdom?
7. What affect can bitter jealousy and selfish ambition have on a person’s life?
8. How can we put to death the bitter jealousy and selfish ambition that exists in our hearts?
9. How does James describe heavenly wisdom? What are some evidences of this heavenly wisdom?
10. Read verse 17. Of all these characteristics of heavenly wisdom, which one do you most need? Why?
11. James 1:5 says if we lack wisdom then we need to ask for it. In what area of your life do you most need to ask God to give you heavenly wisdom?
12. How can you apply this passage in your life?

#### **Important announcements:**

- Recovery Jam is THIS SUNDAY--Sept 29th, at 4pm. It will be located at the Toombsboro Park. Please get the word out.
- Invite 3 unchurched people to church this week! Live on mission!