

Heavenly Wisdom

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James 3:13-18 | Omar and Zuriel Herron

A. Foundations of Heavenly Wisdom (James 1:5 and 3:13)

- Heavenly Wisdom comes from _____ who gives it _____ to all without _____. (1:5)
- Heavenly Wisdom is demonstrated by _____ . (3:13)
- Heavenly Wisdom produces works done in the _____ of wisdom. (3:13)

Ultimately, Heavenly Wisdom is a gift from God to those seeking understanding and a Godly-influenced discernment between good and evil. Heavenly Wisdom has a purpose - to glorify God in our good conduct and to give witness to others seeking to find understanding and truth.

B. The difference between heavenly and earthy wisdom

- We are tempted by earthly wisdom because of the world's embrace of it and because of our own desires.
- Worldly wisdom results in disorder whereas Heavenly Wisdom results in peace.
- Heavenly Wisdom is accessible to us and God desires for us to ask Him for His Wisdom.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When reviewing James 3:13-18, what verse captured your attention and why?
For questions 2 & 3 please read James 3:14.
2. What are common internal desires shared by people your age that make you susceptible to thinking that bitter envy and selfish ambition are worth boasting about?
3. What have been the consequences when you have denied the truth regarding lies you were living?
4. How does heavenly Wisdom affect your view of past experiences, present decisions, and future plans?
5. How is the wisdom described in James 3:15 different than Heavenly Wisdom (see verses 17-18)?
Read James 3:15 and Psalms 73.
6. What was the temptation that the Psalmist was struggling with? What are false senses of success that you need to surrender to Christ and no longer envy? How does that Psalmist find peace?
7. Read James 3:16 and 2 Timothy 2:2-5. Share a time where worldly wisdom, although seemingly the "right" choice, led to disorder and share which of the sins listed in Timothy you observed during that experience. How are you letting Christ work in your life to let heavenly Wisdom govern your life?
8. Who in your life has demonstrated the qualities of heavenly Wisdom listed in James 3:17-18? Is there a particular moment where you could how following Christ led to a wise decision?
9. Read James 3:18. What does Jesus say about peacemakers? What are barriers to you shining for Christ as a peacemaker? If you have a deficit of heavenly word, what does Pastor James say in Chapter 1?
10. In the words of Pastor James, what is the key action item from those receiving wisdom?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Read 1 Kings 3:5-15, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
Memorize James 3:17-18
Living Wisely. Pastor John Miller.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oi8Y0PfLUo8&t=1081s>
Earthy Wisdom and Heavenly Wisdom. Pastor David Guizik.
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Christ the Wisdom of God – John Sartelle -
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