

The Truly Wise

James 3:13-18

- I. Theme: The truly wise show it by living with a humble attitude (James 3:13).
 - A. True wisdom shows in our deeds, not our position.
 - B. Deeds are sincere only if they arise from humility.

- II. Satan's "wisdom" – Satan stirs up arrogance that destroy relationships (James 3:14-16).
 - A. *Bitter envy/Selfish ambition/Boast/Deny truth* – When we have these attitudes, we think we are right, but are actually damaging God's truth (14).

- B. *False "Wisdom"* – Such attitudes are actually from our sinful nature and Satan (15).
- C. *Disorder and Evil* – Satan uses these traits to multiply sin and chaos (16).

- III. God's true wisdom – God produces humility that draws people together (James 3:17-18).
 - A. *Wisdom from heaven* – God seeks to produce good relationships based in humility (17).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Bitter envy</i> – "Righteous" zeal that warps into bitterness• <i>Selfish ambition</i> – Striving to "be somebody" or to convince others to agree or follow us |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Purity</i> – Motivated by pleasing God, not myself• <i>Peace-loving</i> – Eager to get along with all• <i>Considerate</i> – Gentle, considers feelings of others• <i>Submissive</i> – Teachable, flexible, not stubborn• <i>Mercy/fruit</i> – Accepts/forgives those who fail, compassion• <i>Impartial</i> – Not judging, not prejudiced• <i>Sincerity</i> – Not a hypocrite, sincere love – not pretending |
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- B. *Peacemaking and Righteousness* – God uses these traits to multiply righteousness (18).