

Perfecting Faith: The Book of James  
**Faith, Wisdom and Peace**

**Who is Wise and Understanding Among Us?**

“If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.” *James 3:13 NLT*

**I. How to Live With Wisdom... :13**

James contends that REAL wisdom (*the wisdom from above*) is not merely something which is intellectually understandable; by faith it MUST be demonstrated practically in the life of the believer.

**II. The Two Kinds of Wisdom... :14-17**

The type of wisdom that you chose to walk by will determine the outcome of your day-year-life.

**A. World-based Wisdom (*Wisdom from below*)**

The source *James 3:15*

1. Earthly—values of the world
2. Natural—beliefs and feelings of man alone
3. Demonic—Satanic deception

The outcome *James 3:14, 16*

1. Bitter jealousy :14 To cut or point at others
2. Selfish ambition (strife) :14 mercenary interest
3. Confusion-disorder :16 a disturbance
4. Evil things :16 worthless of no account

**B. Heavenly (*Godly*) Wisdom (*Wisdom from above*)**

The source *James 3:17; Col 3:1-4*

1. From above—from God-

The outcome *James 3:17-18 (The Beatitudes of James)*

1. Pure—free from contamination of world *Mat 5:8*
2. Peaceable—producers of peace *Mat 5:9*
3. Gentle (*meek*)—in the face of adversity *Mat 5:5*
4. Yielding (*reasonable*)—submitted to God *Mat 5:3*
5. Full of mercy—transformed life *Mat 5:7*
6. Full of good fruit—fruit of Spirit  
*Gal 5:22-23; Mat 5:6*
7. Without partiality (unwavering)—consistent Godly treatment of others.
8. Without hypocrisy—authentic faith

**III. The result of living in Godly wisdom... :18**

Once again James has put our FAITH on trial, this time with regard to the type of wisdom we manifest in our daily life. Living FAITH lives by a wisdom that is ‘peaceable’ and results in righteousness.

*Abraham: James 2:23; Gen 15:6*

**Who Is Wise?**

*James 3:13-18*

**:13** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that his works are done* in the meekness of wisdom.

**:14** But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

**:15** This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

**:16** For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.



**:17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

**:18** Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.