



Godly Wisdom

JAMES 3: 13-18

The Nature of Godly Wisdom

“Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.”

- *“good behavior “* - Godly wisdom is evident in a person's life
- *“deeds”* – Godly wisdom is a matter of deeds not just words
- *“gentleness of wisdom”* – Godly wisdom is expressed in “gentleness”

Earthly Wisdom (vs 14)

Earthly Motives

- ***“bitter jealousy”*** - *self-centered treatment of others*
- ***“Selfish ambition”*** – *self-promoting ambition*
- ***“do not be arrogant and lie against the truth.”***

Earthly Wisdom (vs 15)

Earthly Sources

- “*but is earthly*” - worldly
- “*natural*” – fleshly, sensual
- “*demonic*” – demon-like

Heavenly Wisdom (vs 17)

Heavenly Source

- “*wisdom from above*” – from God
- “*is first pure*” – unmixed, undefiled, completely devoted

Heavenly Wisdom (vs 17)

Heavenly Characteristics

- **“peaceable”** – bringing together in humility
- **“gentle”** – kind, patient
- **“reasonable”** – teachable, yielding
- **“full of mercy and good fruits”** -
- **“unwavering”** – treating all with love
- **“without hypocrisy”** - genuine, sincere

Heavenly Wisdom (vs 18)

Heavenly Results

“And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”



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