

JAMES – LESSON 7

VII. PRACTICAL FAITH: MANIFESTING TRUE WISDOM (3:13-18)

- A. True wisdom is demonstrated in the works of one's life (3:13).
 - 1. By one's good manner of life
 - 2. By one's meekness

- B. Earthly wisdom is the source of faction (3:14-16).
 - 1. If you have jealousy and faction (self-seeking ambition)- glory not.
 - 2. Earthly wisdom is sensual and devilish – not true wisdom from above.
 - 3. Confusion and every vile deed accompany jealousy and faction.

- C. The character of true wisdom that is from above: (3:17-18).
 - 1. First, it is *pure* – Holy.
 - 2. Then,
 - a. *Peaceable* – harmonious with others.
 - b. *Gentle* – Kind, equitable
 - c. *Easy to be entreated* – easily persuaded.
 - d. *Full of mercy* – outward manifestation of compassion for another's infirmity.
 - e. *Good fruits* – beneficial action
 - f. *Without variance* – no partiality.
 - g. *Without hypocrisy* – no pretence.
 - 3. Those who make peace – sow peace which yields righteousness as a fruit.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why is a truly “*understanding*” mind important in our life before God and others?

- 2. How will true wisdom manifest itself?

- 3. How will earthly wisdom manifest itself?

- 4. Explain the two adjectives describing “devilish” wisdom:

- 5. What does “faction” mean?
What sin is connected with it?
Explain why you would find the two together:

6. Why does the cause of Christ suffer when its representatives manifest “faction”?

7. What will the wisdom that is from above be FIRST?

8. *“I have sinned and in danger of losing my soul.”* What characteristics of wisdom need to step up and help me escape eternity in Hell?

9. *“Two members of the local church are at odds with one another”.* What characteristics of wisdom need to be at the forefront to help in achieving unity?

- 10, What is the fruit of the peacemaker?