

True Wisdom

James 3:13-18

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Main Point:

Pursue true wisdom in your life for the glory of your Savior and the peace of His church.

1. Whether or not you are wise is revealed by your actions.
2. Selfishness is not a sign of being wise.
3. This is because those who are truly wise are known for their humility.
4. True wisdom is a gift from God to you in Jesus Christ.
5. Pursue true wisdom in your life for the glory of your Savior and the peace of His church.

Cross-References and Quotations

James 3:1 ¹ My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. (NKJV)

Douglas Moo “James asks people who think that they have special understanding and insight in spiritual matters, in effect, to step forward so that he can analyze the legitimacy of their claim.”

Anthony Selvaggio “According to James, wisdom involves action – it is not simply knowing; it is also about doing.”

Douglas Moo “What is meant is not a weak, credulous gullibility, but a willing deference to others when unalterable theological or moral principles are not involved.”

James 1:5 ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (NKJV)

James 1:17 ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (NKJV)

Matthew Henry “True wisdom is God’s gift. It is not gained by conversing with men, nor by the knowledge of the world (as some think and speak), but it comes from above.”

J. Alec Motyer “A harmonious fellowship of believers is the soil out of which grows the whole life that is pleasing to God.”

Psalms 133:3 ³ *It is* like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing-- Life forevermore. (NKJV)