



Wisdom-True Or False?

James 3:13-18
Series: James, #7
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Theme: **True wisdom leads to peaceful, righteous living.**

The challenge and test of true wisdom.

1. You can and should have true wisdom. (13; see also 1:5)
2. True wisdom is demonstrated in daily life. (13b)

The portrait of false wisdom.

1. The telling signs. (14, 16a)
2. The true character. (15)
3. The tragic results. (16b)

The portrait of true wisdom.

1. The true character. (17)
2. The tremendous results. (18; see also 13)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read James 3:13-18. Keep this reality in front of you each day of this week: in every situation you *are* relying on wisdom, on variety or another. In your time with God each day, review your day with Him, evaluating the wisdom you have been using.

Tuesday. Sometimes we think that God provides His wisdom to just a few special people. Read James 1:5-8. If you have not done so already, begin memorizing 1:5.

Wednesday. What was your greatest challenge or most difficult decision today (or yesterday, if you are doing this in the morning)? Review the qualities of false wisdom in verses 14-16 and of true wisdom in verse 17. Which wisdom did you rely on in that situation?

Thursday. Are you still working on memorizing, or reviewing 1:5? Remember that gentleness and peace are key qualities for living by God's wisdom (13b, 18) which will be demonstrated by living rightly, or righteously.

Friday – Saturday. In preparation for Sunday, read and think through James 4:1-12. We will be looking at the uncomfortable truth about *church fights*.