

What the Book of James Teaches About Wisdom

(“Wisdom in Hebrew means “skill at living”) - James 3:13-18 NIV

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

Earthly Wisdom

But if you harbor

1. bitter envy

and

2. selfish ambition

in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Heavenly Wisdom

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all

1. pure;

2. then peace-loving,

3. considerate,

4. submissive,

5. full of mercy

6. and good fruit;

7. impartial

8. and sincere.

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

