

**FOR THE BROTHERS:
A STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, JOHN, JUDE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017**

**James: Wising Up
James 3:13-18
November 3, 2016**

I. Our wisdom is identified by our conduct.

... By his good conduct...

- A. Biblical wisdom is knowledge, applied.
¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? ...
- B. Biblical wisdom is demonstrated in humility.
...let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

II. Worldly wisdom produces a disordered life.

- A. Worldly wisdom is self-centered.
¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.
- B. Worldly wisdom is in opposition to God.
¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.
- C. Worldly wisdom brings destruction.
¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

III. Godly wisdom produces a centered and purposeful life.

- A. Godly wisdom is a gift from God.
¹⁷ But the wisdom from above...
- B. Godly wisdom is untainted by worldly influence.
... first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

Seven dimensions of pure wisdom:

1. Peace-loving
2. Considerate
3. Open to reason
4. Full of mercy
5. Full of good works
6. Without uncertainty
7. Without hypocrisy

- C. Godly wisdom brings restoration.
¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.