

Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!

Lesson 14

Read James 3:13 – 18

Introduction: *Genuine Christian wisdom, according to God's standard, finds expression in one's daily course of life and conduct. James 3:13: "Let him show by good conversation that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom." The word "conversation" was used in the Old King James Version. This is understandable as we have been talking about the tongue in previous verses. However, in our modern English the word "conversation" means the exchange of thoughts through speech. At the time the King James Version of the Bible was translated, it meant "manner of life or conduct." Conversation here means more than just talking; it means walking, more than words, the word conversation means works.*

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1. In James 3:13 James begins by asking us a question, "*Who is wise and has understanding among you?*" Do you know someone you consider to be a person of wisdom and understanding according to James 3:13? How do they show their wisdom?
 - According to James 1:5 and Proverbs 9:10 how can we have wisdom in our lives?
 - God will give wisdom to those who serve Him to accomplish His will. How did God demonstrate this in Exodus 31:1 – 11?
 - How can we maintain a life of wisdom according to Proverbs 2:1 – 12? (List the words that stand out to you in these verses)

2. In James 3:13 we read “*Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.*” What does that phrase mean to you “*done in the meekness of wisdom?*”

- What did Jesus say in the following Scriptures?

- Matthew 5:5

- Matthew 10:16

- Matthew 11:28 – 30

3. According to James 3:14 – 16 what are the marks of *earthly, sensual, demonic* wisdom?

- What are the results of having *bitter envy and self-seeking in your heart* according to James 3:16?

4. According to James 3:17 what are the characteristics of *wisdom from above*?

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5. How is the fruit of righteousness sown according to James 3:18?
(Compare with 1 John 3:7 & Ephesians 2:14 – 17)