

James 3:13-18 Part I

Identifying True and False Wisdom

1. A Practical Examination of True Wisdom: (13)

- a. Question: “Who is wise and understanding among you?”
 - i. Wisdom is _____ of all Christians. –v 1:5; Deut 4:5-6; Col 1:9
 - ii. James is _____ false _____ to wisdom. –v. 3:14
- b. Exhortation: “by his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.”
 - i. True Wisdom’s proof: _____ . –Matt 11:19; Col 1:9-10
 - ii. True Wisdom’s fruit: _____ and _____ . – 2 Cor 10:1

2. A Contrasting Examination of False Wisdom: (14-16)

- a. Condition: “But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts.”
 - i. True Wisdom must _____ in your _____. –Prov 2:1-10; 14:33
 - ii. These two are the source of _____ in the body. –vs. 4:1-2
- b. Exhortation: “Do not boast and be false to the truth.”
 - i. False wisdom’s proof: a _____ heart and _____ fruit. –Ezek 28:17
 - ii. False wisdom’s evil: it _____ against the truth. –1 John 1:6; 21
- c. Explanation: “this is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.”
 - i. True Wisdom’s source: from _____. –vs. 1:5; 16-17; Prov 1:7; Col 2:1-3
 - ii. False wisdom’s source: the _____, the _____, and _____. –v. 3:6
- d. Demonstration: “For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.”
 - i. False wisdom’s fruit: _____ and _____. –2 Cor 12:20
 - ii. False wisdom’s harvest: every form of _____. –vs. 1:2-5

- _____ rightly about wisdom and _____. –Matt 11:29; 2 Cor 10:1
- _____ false wisdom and _____ it. –Jam 1:17-18
- _____ Communication’s _____ over _____. –1 Cor 13:1

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Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.