

James 3:13-18 **Wisdom in Evidence – Earthly or Heavenly**

Evidence of Understanding

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

Earthly wisdom

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

Heavenly Wisdom

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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Facts Revealed:

Evidence of Understanding [James 3:13]

✚ Wise understanding is evident in a person's life by works of good conduct done in the meekness of wisdom.

✧ Godly understanding is a demonstration of love. [1 Corinthians 13:4-7]

Earthly wisdom [James 3:14-16]

✚ Earthly wisdom is entirely self centered and is a lie against the truth.

✧ Its evidence is self-seeking, boastful, sensual, demonic, resulting in confusion and every evil thing.

Heavenly Wisdom [James 3:17-18]

✚ Heavenly Wisdom is from above and evident by its fruit.

✧ Its evidence is in Godly behavior, first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits and righteousness, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

✧ Righteousness brings peace to those who make peace..

✧ The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. [Ephesians 5:9]

✧ The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. [Galatians 5:22-23]

✧ These two work hand in hand, the fruit of the Spirit and Godly Wisdom.