

A STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Genuine Faith

II THE DISTINCTIVES OF GENUINE FAITH - James 1:19 - 5:6

LESSON 7 - Faith Produces Wisdom - James 3:13-18

KEY VERSE

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom (James 3:13).

PONDER²

READ James 3:13-18.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. Explain. _____

HEAVENLY WISDOM VERSUS DEMONIC

READ James 3:13-16.

1. Who are the wise³ and understanding⁴ among us (v. 13)? _____

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LOOK DEEPER

READ through the following Scriptures slowly and answer the questions as they pertain to each verse: What is wisdom? Where can *she* be found? How does one get wisdom? What is the source of wisdom? What is the value of wisdom?

Job 28:28 _____

Proverbs 1:20, 21 _____

¹ Genuine: authentic, real.

² PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

³ wise - Greek *sophos* clear: skilled, expert.

⁴ understanding - Greek *epistemon* intelligent: endowed with knowledge, experienced; having knowledge of an expert.

⁵ meekness - Greek *proutes* mildness: humility, gentleness of spirit.

⁶ wisdom - Greek *sophia* : higher or lower worldly or spiritual

Proverbs 8:1-11 _____

Proverbs 9:9, 10 _____

Proverbs 16:16 _____

Isaiah 11:1-3 _____ ⁷

Romans 11:33 _____

PERSONAL

Where do you need the wisdom of God applied to your life today? _____

2. DESCRIBE demonic wisdom (James 3:14-16). _____

3. Where can *bitter envy*⁸ and *self-seeking* lodge itself (v. 14)? _____

⁷ Branch - Hebrew a shoot; descendant; the Messiah, the Offspring of David whose father was Jesse; Jesus.

⁸ *envy* - Greek *zelos* heat; ardor; jealousy as of a husband or enemy, malice.

4. We are not to boast of or lie about the bitter envy and self-seeking that is in our hearts. What are we to do instead (Romans 13:11-14)?

LOOK DEEPER

What do the following Scriptures say about envy, selfish ambition, boasting, lying and other sins?

Proverbs 6:16-19 _____

Proverbs 13:5 _____

I Corinthians 3:1-3 _____

Galatians 5:19-21 _____

Revelation 21:7, 8 _____

Revelation 22:14, 15 _____

PERSONAL

How have you embraced, succumbed or been deceived into earthly, sensual and demonic wisdom? __

5. DESCRIBE the wisdom that is from above (James 3:17). _____

How does one acquire the wisdom that is from above?

Proverbs 2:1-9 _____

What are the promises to those who pursue the wisdom of God?

Proverbs 4:5-9 _____

LOOK DEEPER

The wisdom of God is infinite as He is infinite. God's wisdom is the Word of God. READ Psalm 119. UNDERLINE in your Bible the wisdom given to you from God's Word, Statutes, Commandments, Testimonies, Judgments, Precepts and the Law.

PERSONAL

How will you pursue God's wisdom? _____

WRITE out the KEY VERSE _____

*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.*

James 3:17

NOTES: _____

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