

Be Wise!

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among us? We should recognize them by a good life with deeds done in humility. Humility is not something people do very well. Earthly wisdom tells us to follow envy and selfish ambitions. You do you. Verse 16 says this leads to every evil practice and disorder.

v. 17 "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

Being wise as God wants us to be means being this list. It's a tough one too! We have to strive to always choose being pure, peace-loving, and considerate, always choose to be submissive, always choose to be full of mercy and produce good fruit for the Lord. We also have to choose to be impartial about who we treat this way, and mean it! This is heavenly wisdom, to act in others best interest. Verse 18 points us toward being peacemakers, as Jesus did in Matthew 5:9. The world isn't going to like the actions of a peacemaker, but God does. Satan will have people argue with you and tell you to choose what's best for you. Satan doesn't want you to place other people's needs above yours, but God does. Why would we do this? It's so easy to be selfish and want things for ourselves. We can, and should choose to act with this heavenly wisdom because God, being full of mercy, did not withhold the gift of His son. God is impartial, sincere, and full of mercy and that is the only reason that His love and grace are extended to us. Let's choose to be like Him.

Let's Choose.....Wisely!

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