



Evaluating Your Wisdom

James 3:13-18

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Scripture On Wisdom

Prov. 1:2-7

Prov. 9:10

Prov. 2:4

Prov. 2:6

James 1:5

Our Study

***Call To Let Divine Wisdom
Govern Your Life***

Outline of Our Study

James 3:13-18

v. 13

Question & Command

v. 14-16

Wisdom From Below

v. 17-18

Wisdom From Above

There Are Two Types of Wisdom

- *Wisdom from below*
- *Wisdom from above*

The Question

James 3:13a

Who . . . is wise and understanding. . .

$\sigma\omega\phi\omicron\varsigma \equiv$ “wisdom”

The Question

James 3:13a

Who . . . is wise and *(understanding)* . . .

επιστημων ≡ “to understand, to be an expert, to be skilled”

. . . most folks think they are wise!

The Command

James 3:13b

... the gentleness of wisdom ...

πραυτης = *“combination of humility,
meekness and gentleness”*

... calling us to wise behavior

Wisdom From Below

James 3:14

... selfish ambition ...

**εριθεια = “selfish rivalry, self-ambition,
extreme selfishness”**

Wisdom From Below

James 3:14

... **arrogant** ...



κατακαυχασθαι = “to boast about something
by downgrading another
person”

Wisdom From Below

James 3:15

Earthly - *of this world*

Natural - *of the flesh*

Demonic - *of the Devil*

Wisdom From Above

James 3:17

1) . . . **pure** . . .



αγνος = “no moral defect”

Matt. 5:8

Wisdom From Above

James 3:17

2) . . . *peaceable* . . .

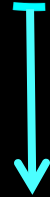


ειρηνικος = “free from worry,
peaceable”

Wisdom From Above

James 3:17

3) . . . **gentle** . . .



επεικης = “gracious when provoked”

2 Tim. 2:24-25

1 Pet. 2:19-20

Wisdom From Above

James 3:17

4) . . . *reasonable* . . .



ευπειθης = “willing to yield”

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James 3:17

5) . . . full of *mercy* . . .

ελεος = “mercy”

Matt. 9:27-29

Matt. 15:22

Matt. 17:15

Heb. 4:16

Wisdom From Above

James 3:17

6) . . . good fruits . . .



καρπος = "fruit"

Gal. 5:22-23

Rom. 1:3

Phil. 1:11

Wisdom From Above

James 3:17

7) . . . *unwavering* . . .



αδιακριτος = “no favoritism”

James 2:1-13

Wisdom From Above

James 3:17

8) . . . *(no hypocrisy)* . . .



ανυποκριτος = “genuine”

How Shall We Respond?

***Be on your best
behavior and live
according to wisdom
from above***