

Wisdom From BELOW ~ James 3:13-16

→ Scripture Reading - James 3:13-16

True WISDOM in ACTION ~ James 1:13

[13] Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

IMPLICATION

→ There is a difference between WISDOM - KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge- facts, information, and skills LEARNED through experience or education

Wisdom- having experience and good judgment in APPLYING Knowledge

APPLICATION

→ Talk is CHEAP

A Life of godly WISDOM Means...

- not being ARROGANT
- being TEACHABLE
- total OBEDIENCE

Worldly Wisdom from BELOW ~ James 3:14-16

[14] But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

Bitter Envy and Selfish Ambition ALWAYS destroy spiritual life and work. Expositor's

[15] Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. [16] For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Worldly Wisdom measures everything by how it affects you. It's concerned with how you can advance yourself, promote yourself, or assert yourself. CCE

IMPLICATION

→ Satan has challenged the Wisdom of GOD from the Beginning

[15] This is NOT the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, **demonic**. (ESV)

Genesis 3:1 (NLT) The SERPENT was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “**Did God really say** you must not eat the fruit from ANY of the trees in the garden?”

Genesis 3:4–5 (NLT) **You won’t die!** the serpent replied to the woman. God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and **you will be LIKE God...**

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APPLICATION

16- ...where **you have ENVY** and **SELFISH AMBITION**, there you **find DISORDER** and every **EVIL** practice.

Acts 5:3-4 (NLT) ...**Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart?** You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. [4] The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren’t lying to us but to God!

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT) Search ME, O God, and know my HEART; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out ANYTHING in me that OFFENDS YOU, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

TAKE AWAY ??

14- But if you **HARBOR** bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts... (NIV and NLT)

True Wisdom makes NO ROOM for **bitter envy** or for **selfish ambition**. BCK

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV) Do not STORE UP for yourselves TREASURES on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. [20] But STORE UP for yourselves TREASURES in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. [21] **For WHERE your TREASURE IS, there your HEART will BE also.**

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But **SEEK FIRST His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well.