

Two Wisdoms
 JAMES 3:13-18

1

Two Kinds of Wisdom

- The test for authenticity
 - o *Show me* your wisdom by your life
- Wisdom 1
 - o Nature: bitter jealousy, selfish ambition
 - A call for consistency and authenticity
 - o Origin: earthly, unspiritual, demonic
 - o Result: disorder and evil
- Wisdom 2
 - o Nature: pure, peaceable, gentle open to reason, merciful, fruitful, impartial*, sincere.
 - o Origin: "from above"
 - o Result: fruit sown in peace
- The peacemaker

2

Practical Faith

- Self-Evaluation for Works in the Meekness of Wisdom
 - o Is your life characterized by moral purity—sexual, financial, social, speech etc.?
 - o Are people afraid to express disagreement with you because they are afraid you will either blow-up, shut down, or be personally devastated?
 - o On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your ability to resolve conflict biblically (e.g, "make peace") as opposed to just silently being bitter or "moving on?"

3

Practical Faith

- How do you respond to constructive feedback on your life or efforts by those close to you? Do they feel more like a dagger in the heart or an opportunity to grow?
- When is the last time someone changed your mind about something?
- Do you tend to be gentler and more respectful to people outside your own household than inside?
- The Gospel we all need
 - To forgive and cleanse
 - To drive and encourage
