

WQ (Wisdom Quotient)

James 3:13-18

- I. Biblical wisdom (the wisdom from above) shows itself (v. 13)
- II. How worldly wisdom manifests itself (vv. 14-15)
 - A. It manifests a source and character that “does not descend from above”
 - 1. The world (“earthly”)
 - 2. The flesh (“sensual”)
 - 3. The devil (“demonic”)
 - B. It shows motivations that do “not descend from above”
 - 1. Bitter envy (v. 14,16)
 - 2. Self-Seeking (v. 14,16)
 - 3. Pride (v. 14)
 - 4. Suppressing the truth (v. 14)
 - C. The fruit of these motivations
 - 1. Confusion (v. 16)
 - 2. Every Evil Thing (v. 16)
- II. How Biblical wisdom manifests itself (vv. 17-18)
 - A. The source and character of this wisdom
 - 1. Received from God (“from above”)
 - 2. Used under authority to God (“meekness of wisdom”)
 - 3. Used in service (“good conduct... works... sown”)
 - B. The “seven pillars” (cf. Prov. 9:1) of wisdom
 - 1. purity (holiness of life)
 - 2. peaceableness (a joy to be around)
 - 3. gentleness (considerate, forbearing, not easily provoked)
 - 4. willingness to yield (reasonableness)
 - 5. full of mercy and other good fruits (helpful)
 - 6. impartial
 - 7. without hypocrisy (sincere)
 - C. The Fruit Of This Wisdom
 - 1. Righteousness
 - 2. Peace
 - a. Peace evidenced in how the wise man teaches
 - b. Peace produced in others