

The Book of James pt. 6

Foundations of Wisdom - 10/26/25

Proverbs 9:10, NLT - Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

James 3:13-18, NLT - ¹³ If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. ¹⁸ And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

I. WISDOM FROM _____

James 3:15, NLT - For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.

II. _____ FROM ABOVE

James 3:17, NLT - But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

James 1:17, NLT - Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

James 3:14, NLT - But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying.

Proverbs 14:30, NLT - A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like cancer in the bones.

Job 5:2, NLT - Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.

Galatians 5:22-23, NLT - ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Philippians 2:3-4, NLT - ³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Proverbs 9:1-12, NLT - ¹ Wisdom has built her house; she has carved its seven columns. ² She has prepared a great banquet, mixed the wines, and set the table. ³ She has sent her servants to invite everyone to come. She calls out from the heights overlooking the city. ⁴ "Come in with me," she urges the simple. To those who lack good judgment, she says, ⁵ "Come, eat my food, and drink the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways behind, and begin to live; learn to use good judgment." ⁷ Anyone who rebukes a mocker will get an insult in return. Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt. ⁸ So don't bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you. But correct the wise, and they will love you. ⁹ Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more. ¹⁰ Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. ¹¹ Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. ¹² If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.