

## James 3:13–18 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

### Wisdom from Above

<sup>13</sup> Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and <sup>[a]</sup>selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and *sdie* against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, <sup>[b]</sup>natural, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and <sup>[c]</sup>selfish ambition exist, <sup>[d]</sup>there is disorder and every evil thing. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, <sup>[e]</sup>reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And the <sup>[f]</sup>seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace <sup>[g]</sup>by those who make peace.

## James 3:13–18 New International Version (NIV)

### Two Kinds of Wisdom

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

## James 3:13–18 New Living Translation (NLT)

### True Wisdom Comes from God

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. <sup>15</sup>For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. <sup>16</sup>For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

<sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. [\[a\]](#)

## James 3:13–18 English Standard Version (ESV)

### Wisdom from Above

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

## James 3:13–18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

### Wisdom from Above

<sup>13</sup> Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good conduct show his [good] deeds with the gentleness *and* humility of *true* wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant, and [as a result] be in defiance of the truth. <sup>15</sup> This [superficial] wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly [secular], natural [unspiritual], *even* demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder [unrest, rebellion] and every evil thing *and* morally degrading practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure [morally and spiritually undefiled], then peace-loving [courteous, considerate], gentle, reasonable [and willing to listen], full of compassion and good fruits. It is unwavering, without [self-righteous] hypocrisy [and self-serving guile]. <sup>18</sup> And the seed whose fruit is righteousness [spiritual maturity] is sown in peace by those who make peace [by actively encouraging goodwill between individuals].