

Christianity For DUMMIES

The Wise and
the Otherwise
James 3:13–18

1. James' Challenge: Who Is Wise?

- In the New Testament it means applying spiritual truth in one's life.
- James is asking who is truly skilled in the art of living.

- James answers his question of challenge with an imperative, *SHOW IT!*
- Meekness is a picture of *strength* under *control*.

2. The Otherwise: False Wisdom (It's Roots, Attributes and Fruit)

a. He first speaks to Bitter
Jealousy.

- It is selfishly motivated, harsh, and critical of others.

b. Selfish *Ambition*.

- False wisdom is not a *brain* problem but a *heart* problem!

The Roots: Five Attributes of False Wisdom:

- Arrogance
- Self-deception
- Earthly
- Unspiritual
- Demonic

The Fruit of False Wisdom

- *Disorder*
- *Every vile practice*

3. The Wise: True Wisdom

- James simply says this wisdom has its ROOTS from above.
- To 'raise a harvest of righteousness' demands a certain kind of climate.