

James 3:13-16

Teaching Guide

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Last week we were reminded that “no one can tame the tongue”. That is because the heart is depraved and that translates into the tongue being depraved. James continues addressing those who would presume to be teachers. He begins with a question: “Who is wise and understanding among you”? This is an excellent question that we can use as a test for our own lives everyday. James spends the concluding verses of Chapter 3 contrasting two kinds of wisdom. The characteristics of these two types of wisdom can serve as indicators of the kind of wisdom we employ in living our lives.

This is a test! “Who is wise and understanding among you”? v. 13

I. Where does wisdom come from?

WISE: _____ > WISDOM > _____ > _____

OTHERWISE: _____ / _____ > “wisdom” > _____ >

II. What is it? V. 15

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

III. What does it produce in me? V. 16

- a. _____
- b. _____

IV. What does it produce around me? V. 16

- a. _____
- b. _____

What kind of wisdom do you live by?

1. Is your life guided by earthly, natural or demonic wisdom?
2. Is there bitterness or envy in you?
3. Is your life displaying disorder or evil practices?