

August 10th–16th

Lesson 9: James 3:13–18

THE TWO WISDOMS

1. What is linked with wisdom in verse 13?
2. Jesus encouraged people to come learn from Him because He was “gentle and humble in heart.” (Matthew 11:29) Paul asserted his authority as an apostle and teacher after invoking “the meekness and gentleness of Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:1) Why do you think humility is such an essential sign of wisdom?
3. Explain in your own words what the following are:
Bitter envy:

Selfish ambition:
4. Can you identify bitter envy and selfish ambition in your own life? Write a prayer of confession and ask Jesus to forgive you and the Holy Spirit to change you.
5. Contrast the effects of the wisdom that is “earthly, unspiritual, of the devil” (verses 15–16) with those of the wisdom that comes from God (verses 17–18).
6. In contrast to the maker of disorder (verse 16) is the maker of peace (verses 17–18). In light of 3:13–18, what do you think it means to be a peacemaker?
7. Sowing in peace produces a harvest of righteousness (verse 18). Why do you suppose peacemaking and righteousness are connected like this?
8. What is the source of true wisdom? How can we get this wisdom? (James 1:5–6)