

Text: James 3:13-18  
Topics: Character, Deeds, Motives, Wisdom  
Series: Genuine Faith on the Anvil of Life.

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## A Real Wise Guy

### I. A Call to True Wisdom (13)

Genuine wisdom is evidenced by Christian deeds gently done.

### II. The Character of False Wisdom (14-16)

False wisdom is evident by the sin and disorder they produce.

### III. The Character of True Wisdom (17-18)

God's wisdom is evident by the virtue in the person and the fruit in their life.

In Christ I can grow in true wisdom!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Does someone come to mind for you when you think of a wise person? Why do you think they are wise?

2. How does James say we should be able to recognize a truly wise person in James 3:13?

Give some examples of what you would expect to see in them.

3. Read James 3:14-16. What is James telling his readers to look and see if it is in them? How would you describe each characteristic?

What does James say are the sources of these characteristics?

If you are tempted by one of these sources, which is it most likely be? Why?

Describe what James says these characteristics produce.

Have you experienced these results, whether from your own actions, or those of another? Explain.

4. Read James 3:17-18. James lists some of the characteristics of true wisdom. Which 2-3 do you most want to see in someone you would look to for wise counsel? Why?

Which 1-2 characteristics do you most need God's help with in your own life?

5. There are two parts to growing in wisdom - learning God's wisdom, and applying it to life. How are you faring in each area? What change(s) is God asking you to make?