



The Bible: God's Guide to Right Thinking and Right Acting

James 3: 13-18

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1. Read James 3:13-18 aloud.

2. James begins by asking, "Who is wise and understanding among you?" (James 3:13). According to this passage, how does James say true wisdom is demonstrated?

- How is this different from how our culture usually defines wisdom or success?

3. What are some messages or "narratives" in our culture that compete with God's wisdom?

- How can we learn to recognize the difference?

4. James warns about "bitter envy and selfish ambition" (v. 14-16).

- Why do you think these attitudes are so destructive to relationships, families, and churches?

- Where do you most often see the temptation toward comparison, jealousy, or self-promotion in your everyday life?

5. Read the seven characteristics of heavenly wisdom in James 3:17.

- Which one of these qualities comes most naturally to you?

- Which one challenges you the most right now, and why?

6. The sermon emphasized that we are in a daily battle for our minds (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

- What are some practical ways you have learned to "take every thought captive" and submit it to Christ?

- Is there a lie or worldly mindset God has been helping you replace with His truth?

7. James says that "peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."

- Think about one relationship where you could intentionally sow peace this week.

- What would taking the first step look like?

8. The sermon ended with the question, "What is it like to be on the other side of me?"

- If your spouse, children, coworkers, neighbors, or closest friends answered honestly, what would they say about the wisdom they see in your words and actions?

- What is one specific area where you sense the Holy Spirit calling you to think differently or act differently this week?

Reminders:

- **DK Teachers needed:** Do you have a heart for children and ministry? We are in need of DK Teachers and Crew, would love for you to serve on Sunday mornings as a **classroom teacher!** If this interests you, please email Shealey Sims at shealeys@harpethcc.com for more information! Training and Info meeting on Sunday, August 23rd in Student Center.

- **Safety Team:** We are looking for a few additional men and women who have a heart to serve on our safety team ministry! Team members participate in ongoing training, work closely together, and are committed to being prepared to respond wisely- should the need ever arise. Some members are licensed concealed carry holders, while others serve in non-firearm support roles. If you have a servant's heart, remain calm under pressure, and feel called to help protect our church family, we would love to talk with you. Contact **John Noonan** (password.hater@outlook.com) for more information.
- **Check Us Out:** Mark your calendars for our upcoming Check Us Out class! Check Us Out is a two-part class where you will hear more about what we believe and care about here at Harpeth, as well as a pathway to membership. Classes take place during the 9:00am service, so feel free to check your kids into DiscipleSHIP Kids and head on over. Coffee and bagels will be provided! Register by scanning the QR code below.



Part 1 - Sunday, August 16th at 9:00am

Part 2 - Sunday, August 23rd at 9:00am

- **Renew Creative and Renew Creative Kids:** Renew Creative (HCC Worship Team) has a brand new song out called "Faithful Faith!" Renew Creative Kids (DK) just released Volume 1 of their new Memory Verse Songs! Scan the QR codes to listen, or stream wherever you listen to music!

