

"Two Ways to Look at the World"

James 3:13-18

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Point #1

Wisdom and understanding are about how we live, not just about what we know.

James 3:13 NIV

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

"Our works show where our hearts are invested." - Life Application NT Commentary says

Point #2

There are only two kinds of wisdom:

- 1.) Godly wisdom
- 2.) Worldly wisdom

James 3:14-16 NIV

But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

James 3:17-18 NIV

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Point #3

There are only two ways to look at the world:

- 1.) Using Godly wisdom
- 2.) Using worldly wisdom

"The truly wise person demonstrates his or her understanding of Christ by the way he or she lives." - Life Application NT Commentary