

WORD STUDY James 3:13-18

- v13 Who is wise and intelligent with understanding among you? Let him show it by his noble living, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.
- v14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition [eritheio” dishonorable, a hireling, a person concerned only with his own welfare and susceptible to being bribed, an ambitious, self-seeking person, seeking opportunity for promotion, electioneering, a partisan spirit that would resort to any method to win followers, contention and strife, see Phil. 1:16 cf. Ambition comes from Latin word meaning for promotion, suggests elements of social visibility and approval, popularity, peer recognition, exercise of authority over others. (contrast with Mark 10:42-44) “campaigning for promotion”] in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.
- v15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.
- v16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.
- v17 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.
- v18 Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. (NIV)

MAN'S WISDOM (not from God) described as:	GOD'S WISDOM (to be sought for and requested - James 1:5)
<p>-earthly (worldly wisdom)</p> <p>-sensual (unspiritual, natural, carnal, animal, beastly)</p> <p>-demonic (devilish, inspired by the devil, wisdom of demons, demoniacal)</p> <p>Linked with:</p> <p>-bitter envy (bitter or fervent jealousy)</p> <p>-selfish ambition (dishonorable, a hireling, a person concerned only with their own welfare and susceptible to being bribed, ambitious & self-seeking, seeking opportunity for promotion, electioneering, a partisan spirit that would resort to any method to win followers, contention & strife, causing division, factions or rivalry. The word ambition comes from the Latin word, meaning promotion, suggests elements of social visibility, approval, popularity, peer recognition, exercise of authority over others. Campaigning for promotion.)</p> <p>Results in:</p> <p>-confusion (disorder, instability, commotion, tumult, unrest, disharmony, rebellion)</p> <p>-every evil work (all sorts of evil and vile deeds or practices)</p>	<p>-pure (trustworthy, unadulterated, undefiled)</p> <p>-peaceable (quiet gentleness, peace loving)</p> <p>-gentle (considerate, courteous)</p> <p>-easy to be entreated (willing to yield to reason, submissive, full of mercy, open to reason)</p> <p>-full of mercy (compassionate)</p> <p>-good fruits</p> <p>-without variance (wholehearted, straight forward, without partiality, impartial)</p> <p>-without hypocrisy (sincere, unfeigned, free from wavering, doubts, and insincerity)</p> <p>Results in:</p> <p>-a harvest of righteousness (conformity to God's will in thought and deed)</p> <p>-peace (concord, agreement, harmony between individuals, with undisturbedness, freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts. prosperity, quietness, rest. "set at one again.")</p>