

Questions to Consider — Lesson 15 — “Wisdom – From Above or From Below?” — James 3:13-18

1. Read over James chapter 3 and share at least one truth that God has convicted you of in this chapter.
2. Memorize James 3:17.
3. Read James 3:13-18. Answer the following questions. (a) What indicators does James list that prove a man’s wisdom is not from God? (b) How does “do not boast and lie against the truth” relate to envy and strife? (c) Why do you think the word *pure* is the first characteristic of godly wisdom mentioned?
4. Choose one chapter from Proverbs and compare and contrast the world’s wisdom with God’s wisdom. (a) What did you learn about depending on your own wisdom? (b) Why should you depend on God for wisdom?
5. (a) Read the book of Jonah and note the various ways that the wisdom of Jonah did not descend from above. (b) What does this teach you about pursuing godly wisdom?
6. Will wisdom from above always produce peace? Prove your answer biblically.
7. Notice your responses this week in tense situations. (a) Did you display wisdom that is worldly or wisdom that is divine? (b) Did you demonstrate peace making, or did you foster more divisions?
8. How are the truths that you know (wisdom) being made manifest by a godly life? “For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required” (Luke 12:48b).
9. As you reflect on this passage regarding wisdom, what do you need help in? What is your prayer request?