



MEEKNESS IN REAL LIFE

James 3:13-18

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One Question - verse 13

1. In verse 13, what question does James ask?
2. How would you personally answer his question? Be honest.
3. Would others who know you (i.e. family members, co-workers, fellow students, teachers) answer the question for you the same way?
4. What evidence from your life would you give to support your answer?
5. In verse 13, what does James mean by "*the meekness of wisdom*"? What is wisdom? Meekness? Do these have a relationship to our faith in God?

Two Answers - verses 14-18

#1 Wisdom From Below - verses 14-16

6. How does James describe wisdom from below?
7. How does James describe the source of wisdom from below?
8. How does James describe the results of wisdom from below?
9. Do you think James is right with his description of results or out to lunch? Would you add any results?
10. Are there any parts of James' discussion on wisdom from below that you find troubling? Challenging? Too close to home?

#2 Wisdom From Above - verses 17,18

11. How does James describe the source of wisdom from above?
12. What, or Who, is the source of wisdom from above? How do you know this?
13. How does James describe the results of wisdom from above?
14. How have you experienced the results James is describing?
15. What could it mean for you personally that the source of wisdom from above is God?

Processing What James Writes...

16. With which of James' two possible answers do you find yourself more closely aligned?
17. What would it be like for you to be more closely aligned with James' answer #2? What could this alignment look like in your life?
18. What do you think would be the effect on those around you if you were aligned with wisdom from above?
19. Are there any parts of this study that you have found especially helpful, troubling, challenging? Are there additional ways you can apply this study in your life this week?