

JAMES 4:13-17

REAL FAITH

DECISION

MAKING

Real v Hollow Faith

or

Useless Dead Faith

v

Useful Living Faith

**Real, useful,
living faith is
doing faith.**

**Humility is
utter reliance
on the Lord.**

James 3:13-17

is the pivot point
of this letter.

Two Kinds of Wisdom

James 3:13-18

James 3:13

Who among you is wise
and understanding?

Let him show by his
good behavior
his deeds in the
gentleness of wisdom.

Understanding Wisdom

Wisdom \neq Knowledge

Knowledge =

understanding things,
facts, truth

WISDOM

Knowledge applied.

Perspective, an attitude of the heart - toward God.

Wisdom has to do with trusting in the Lord.

Proverbs 3

v5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean
on your own understanding.

v6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths
straight.

v7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD
and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 16:25

There is a way
which seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.

Romans 1:21

For even though they knew God, they
did not honor Him as God or give
thanks, but they became futile in their
speculations, and their foolish heart
was darkened.

What is Seen?

James 3:14

- “bitter jealousy”
- “selfish ambition”
- “arrogance”

What's the Source?

James 3:15

- **Earthly**
- **Natural**
- **Demonic**

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wisdom

What are the Results?

James 3:16

- “jealousy
- “selfish ambition”
- “Disorder”
- “Every evil thing”

What is Seen?

James 3:17

- “pure”
- “peaceable”
- “gentle”
- “reasonable”
- “merciful”
- “good fruits”
- “unwavering”
- “without hypocrisy.”

What's the Source?

James 3:17

PPGRMGFUWH

Wisdom

**Wisdom
from Above**

Wisdom from Above

Eternal perspective

The natural is dependant
on the supernatural

It's all for God

What Are the Results?

James 3:17-18

- “pure”
- “peaceable”
- “gentle”
- “reasonable”
- “full of mercy”
- “full of good fruits”
- “unwavering”
- “without hypocrisy”

Wisdom from Above

**The Character
of Jesus**

James 4:10

Humble yourselves
in the presence
of the Lord, and
He will exalt you.

Pride/Arrogance/self-centeredness =

independence,

“I don't need God.”

Humility = dependance.

“I can do nothing apart from You.”

John 15:5

“I am the vine,
you are the branches;
he who abides in Me and I
in him,
he bears much fruit,
for apart from Me
you can do nothing.”

END Wisdom in Decision Making

James 4:13-15

James 4:14

In human arrogance we
assume two things...

- 1} 14a ...we can control or foresee the immediate consequences of your decisions, how things will go.
- 2} 14b ...we will live an uninterrupted life -- circumstances, the lay of the land, won't change.

Luke 12

v16 And He told them a parable, saying,

"The land of a rich man was very productive.

v17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying,

'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

v18 "Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

v19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'"

v20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

v21 "So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

**END Wisdom can manifest
itself in two ways**

Practical Atheism

**Arrogant, Boastful
Decision Making
or Bless Me Lord
Decision Making**

**“PPGRMGFUWH Wisdom”,
“Wisdom from Above”
Decision Making**

James 4:15
**“If the Lord
wills”**

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and turn away from evil.

v8 It will be healing to your body
And refreshment to your bones.

James 4

v16 But as it is, you boast
in your arrogance;
all such boasting is evil.

v17 Therefore, to one who
knows the right thing
to do and does not
do it, to him it is sin.

Repent of END Wisdom.

Ask God for
PPGRMGFUWH Wisdom.

Wisdom from Above.

James 1:5

But if any of you
lacks wisdom,
let him ask of God,
who gives to all generously
and without reproach,
and it will be given to him.

Proverbs 8

v1 Does not wisdom call,

And understanding lift up her voice?

v2 On top of the heights beside the way,

Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

v3 Beside the gates, at the opening to the city,

At the entrance of the doors, she cries out:

v32 “Now therefore, O sons, listen to me,

For blessed are they who keep my ways.

v33 “Heed instruction and be wise, And do not neglect it.

v34 “Blessed is the man who listens to me,

Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at my doorposts.

v35 “For he who finds me finds life

And obtains favor from the LORD.

v36 “But he who sins against me injures himself;

All those who hate me love death.”