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## **Wisdom...the Good, the Bad, the Ugly.**

James 3:13-18 [NCV]

*The Evidence of True Faith Series*

### Two Kinds of Wisdom

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Where is the biblical balance between truth and love? Why is it wrong to compromise truth in an attempt to show love?
2. Which of the qualities of godly wisdom do you most need to work on? How will you do it?
3. Which of the traits of worldly “wisdom” are you most prone to? How will you guard against it?
4. How (practically) will you pursue peace this week?

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”*

James 1:5