



MAY THEME



Week Three

Monday ~ READ

READ James 3:13-18 in your preferred translation, and also in The Message Bible paraphrase.

*www.Biblegateway.com is a great place to view varied translations and paraphrases of Scripture

Tuesday ~ COPY

COPY James 3:13-18.

Wednesday ~ PONDER

PONDER James 3:13-18. These verses are a part of a whole chapter where James is writing to teachers about how they conduct themselves as they lead others. While you may not specifically hold the title of 'Teacher' in your community, church, etc., all of us have roles where we influence others, and God's Word here in James 3:13-18 can instruct us in how to do so wisely. So, as you ponder, keep this context of 'teachers' in mind.

- **Verse 13** – Can you think of someone who has influenced you or taught you in the *“gentleness of wisdom.”* Describe them.
- **Verses 14-15** – In contrast to verse 13, these verses reveal 2 character traits which describe a teacher who is not operating in heaven's wisdom. What are they? And in what 3 ways does verse 15 describe this *“kind of wisdom”* to us?
- **Verse 16** - Can you think of someone who has had influence in your life who did not operate in heaven's wisdom, but more from a place of *“bitter jealousy and selfish ambition?”* If so, describe what that was like and *“the disorder and evil”* that resulted. And, have you also ever tried to lead or influence from a heart of *“bitter jealousy and selfish ambition”* ... and if so, what was the result?
- **Verse 17**- This describes what it is like when a teacher/influencer leads in wisdom. Make a list and then define each one. Can you think of someone who has had influence in your life in these ways? How?
- **Verse 18** – Thinking of teachers and leaders as people who sow into others lives, how important is peace? Why? Journal your thoughts.

Thursday ~ PRAY

PRAY into the Truths of James 3:13-18 using the following:

- **V. 13** - **THANK** God for giving instruction about wisdom and **ASK** Him to help you be *“gentle in wisdom.”*
- **V. 14** - **ASK** God to reveal any places where you may have *“bitter jealousy and selfish ambition.”*
- **V. 15** - **ASK** God to help you discern the difference between earthly wisdom and heaven's wisdom.
- **V. 16** - **ASK** God to protect you from unwise leaders who produce *“disorder and every evil thing.”* Also **ASK** Him to help you not to produce it either.
- **V. 17** – **THANK** God for wisdom that comes down from heaven. **ASK God** to help you experience this kind of wisdom from people who lead you. And **ASK** Him to help you lead others with heaven's wisdom too.
- **V.18** – **ASK** God to help you sow into others lives in peace, so that righteousness may grow.

Friday ~ LISTEN

LISTEN to a message on James 3:13-18 on our YouTube Channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry*.

*The video will be posted by Friday and the link will be sent to you via email.

Saturday ~ SHARE

SHARE James 3:13-18 with someone who is a teacher/influencer. Do so in a spirit of gentleness.

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