

## Bible Study 10 – Godly and ungodly wisdom – James 3:13-18

*Let's say you're having an argument with someone, and even though you're a fine man or woman of God, you're getting just a little heated. Have you ever noticed how clear your thinking is when you're angry? You're all fired up, and you deliver the Word of the Lord. Then later on, you start to calm down. And suddenly, the things that you said and seemed so right when you said them, now are so wrong. What happened? You were influenced by your emotions. Even though something can seem right at the time, that doesn't mean that it is. This is because there are two kinds of wisdom.*

<b>The context</b>	This letter was written to Jewish Christians who had been scattered by persecution (1:1; 8:1; 11:19). The theme is that Christian faith expresses itself in a life of godliness. It addresses: persevering through trials & temptations, obeying God's Word, discriminating against others, putting faith into action, and controlling our language. Now we look at the relationship between wisdom and behaviour.
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### **PART 1 Read & summarise each section – James 3:13-18**

Humility (v.13)	
Ungodly wisdom (v.14-16)	
Godly wisdom (v.17-18)	

### **PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage**

**1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.**

**2. What I learnt about people like us.**

**3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.**

**4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?**

**5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?**

**6. Give a practical example of godly wisdom (v.17, Galatians 5:22-23)**

**7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?**

Let's be mature by applying scripture to our lives. Such godly wisdom is evident by our behaviour.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?