

THE BOOK OF  
**JAMES**  
 MAKING FAITH WORK

WISDOM FROM  
 ABOVE  
 James 3.13-18

### Key Points :

- James 3:13-18 shows us that when we experience the life-change of God living inside of us, we can have wisdom from heaven, even in the midst of chaos. Hebrew word for "wisdom": Skill in living.
- The wise have a **pure heart** - First, we must consider what might be contaminating our hearts so that we can take steps to purify them. A pure heart will allow us to be wise in all other areas.
- The wise **love peace, consider others** and are **willing to yield**. The wise **minimise the mistakes of others** and are **authentic**.
- We can get wisdom from heaven that we can never get on our own.

### Questions:

#### Conversation Starter

1. Who is the wisest person you know?

#### Start Thinking & Sharing

2. What makes someone wise or not? How do people grow in wisdom?
3. What contaminates your heart? Discuss areas in your life that need to be "cleaned out," so that you can have a pure heart.
4. What do you need to stop bringing up? Discuss how showing mercy towards others can bring peace to your life and relationships.
5. What do you tend to hide from others? If you need some time to think about it and would rather discuss this one-on-one rather than in the group, be sure to reach out to a friend to talk through your answer to this question this week.

#### Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

6. *God, we surrender our hearts and minds to You and ask for Your wisdom. We need supernatural help to be wise in the chaos of today's world. Help us to be peacemakers and do our part to heal our land!*

#### Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

7. Commit to praying for wisdom each day this week and share your experiences with someone next week.

