

Alderwood Community Church
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Actions Speak Louder than Words

James: A Faith that Works – Part 7

James 3:13-18

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Big Idea: Your behavior reveals the source of your wisdom!

1. Identifying _____ wisdom. (vv. 14-16)

What is wisdom?

2. Identifying _____ wisdom. (vv. 13, 17-18)

3. Call to Action

A. A call for _____ - _____.

What characterizes your life? What does your conduct say about you?
Which wisdom motivates and directs your life?

B. A call to _____ the wisdom of God.

(1) Ask God for it. (**James 1:5**)

(2) Search God's Word for it. (**Proverbs 2:1-6**)

C. A call to _____ a life that pleases God, one
that is characterized by moral goodness, humility and peace.

(1 Peter 2:12)

Sermon Questions:

James 3:13-18

1. What do you think may have been going on in the churches that would cause James to ask the question in v.13?

Is this something we need to be concerned about in the church today?
Explain.

2. How can we recognize wisdom and understanding in others and ourselves?

3. What does “bitter envy” and “selfish ambition” mean (v.14)?

How do these create “disorder and every evil practice” (v.16)? Can you give a personal example from your own experience?

4. James describes two kinds of wisdom in these verses. Compare the effects of the wisdom that is earthly, unspiritual, and demonic (v.15) with those of the “wisdom from above” (v.17-18).

5. What is the relationship between peacemaking and righteousness in v.18?

How have you seen godly “peacemakers” handle conflict? Do you think he or she avoids conflict at all costs? Does he or she end a debate by imposing their solution on others? Does he or she always give in when opposed? Explain your answer.

6. Are there any traits or habits you need to repent of and confess to God?

7. With whom do you need to “sow” or cultivate peace? What specific actions will you take in the coming weeks and months?