

TRUE WISDOM

Book of James Study Program



BACKGROUND:

A life that diligently pursues Jesus will display growing spiritual maturity. James explains how seeking God's wisdom and understanding brings about maturity, peace, and mercy in our lives. What we put into our hearts will come out in the form of our words and deeds. The old adage, "garbage in – garbage out" rings true as we continue to study what James has to say about the tongue.

DAY 1: READ JAMES 3:13-16

1. Define the words "wise" and "wisdom". Would you call yourself wise? How do you think others see you?
2. What does it mean to have spiritual understanding?
3. What part does humility play in gaining wisdom?
4. How does (or could) humility help in your communication with others?

Pray: Father, help me to walk in humility as I seek Your wisdom in my life. Lord, I know You are mighty and awesome. Help me to always remember that, without You, I am nothing. Lord, Your Word says that if we seek wisdom, You will give it to us. God, help me to seek Your wisdom every day. Amen.

DAY 2: READ JAMES 3:17-18

1. What would you describe as pure wisdom?
2. How is wisdom peace-loving and considerate?
3. How can you, in wisdom, more consistently place others above yourself?
4. What would it take for others to see you as a peacemaker?

Pray: Lord, teach me to humble myself before You and others. Please show me how to become a peacemaker. Teach me the true meaning of humility, and let me always see value in those around me, who are made in Your image. Amen.

DAY 3: READ MATTHEW 5:1-12

1. What does it mean to be “blessed” by God?
2. For which of the “blessings” in this Scripture do you feel you are qualified? Explain your answer.
3. Of the actions that produce blessings, which ones do you struggle with most?
4. What specific areas do you need to work on your speech and actions? How can you be more intentional to act as a representative of Christ in this area?

Pray: Lord, I want to be the person You created me to be. Show me the weak places in my life, and help me to strengthen those areas. I want to represent You well to those who don't know You. Teach me to be like You. Amen.

DAY 4: READ MATTHEW 5:13-16

1. How is your life reflecting the fact that you are the “light of the world”?
2. Are you willing to share your faith with those around you? If not, what would it take for you to be willing to do so?
3. How can “your good works” help others give glory to God?
4. Would your “works” bring glory to God? Explain your answer. How can you be more intentional about bringing glory to God with your life?

Pray: Lord, I pray you will use me as an instrument that brings glory to You. Show me how to live as You desire. I pray my works bring honor to You, and that others will come to know you as a result. Amen.



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