

## Discussion Questions

What works reveal that a man is truly wise?

Why does humility always accompany true wisdom?

What things are you ambitious for? Examine each one: are they selfishly motivated?

What areas of your life are characterized by disorder?

True wisdom is sincere. Why do we struggle with being sincere and transparent?

List 3 ways you can actively make peace this week?

## Wisdom and Its Fruit

*James 3:13-18*

### **Wisdom produces fruit.**

How can you tell if a person is wise? Better yet, how can you tell if you are wise? With this query, James begins a discussion on wisdom and its fruit. A man is not wise because he can spout pithy sayings or give memorable advice; a man is wise if his life demonstrates good conduct, healthy works and meekness. True, biblical wisdom will always produce in healthy, spiritual fruit.

### **Earthly wisdom produces rotten fruit.**

There is a counterfeit wisdom—a wisdom that does not come from the all-wise God, but from Satan and his demons. This wisdom is recognizable by its fruit. Where earthly, demonic wisdom rules, one will find bitter jealousy, selfish ambition, disorder and evil practices of all types.

### **Heavenly wisdom produces healthy fruit.**

The wisdom we must seek and then be guided by is the wisdom that comes from above—purity, peacefulness, gentleness, mercy, sincerity and good works characterize this wisdom. It produces righteousness and peace, not wickedness and problems. We must seek wisdom, but it must be the right kind. How will we find it? Easy—look at its fruit.