

A Study Guide to James 3:13-4:12 (Session 7)

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1. Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit for understanding God's Word.

2. Read James 3:13-4:12 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. List the characteristics of the two kinds of wisdom (3:13-18).
4. In James 4:7-10 are nine imperatives (commands). List as many as you notice. What are the common themes in these imperatives?

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

1. Who are some of the wise people you know? Why do you think they are wise?
2. Is there a situation in your life where you tend to respond with earthly wisdom? What would it mean to respond with godly wisdom in the same situation?
3. James 4:2-3 gives two reasons you do not receive. Do you believe that God hears all our prayers? How do these reasons inform or challenge your prayer life?
4. What does James mean by "friendship with the world" (4:4)? How is it different from friendship with non-Christians? What are some examples of "friendship with the world"?
5. Why do you think the Lord Jesus singled out humility (meekness and lowliness) as the most important quality about Himself (Matthew 11:29)? What does it tell us about the kind of person we are called to be?
6. What are some of the characteristics of false humility?
7. Knowing the devil's character (pride), how do you resist the devil (4:7)?
8. James 4:10 commands us to "humble yourselves before the Lord." Is it possible to do so by trying hard to be humble? How would you put it into practice?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(James 4:10 NIV)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.