IN MOTION *Faith on the move*

THE BOOK OF JAMES

Wise and Otherwise

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James 3:13-18

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

In many ways it is true that the older you get, the smarter your parents become. What are some specific ways you would say this is true in your experience?

1. Godly wisdom takes action

James asks, "Who is wise and understanding among you?" Is this a rhetorical question? Something else? What is James' reason for asking that question?

In what ways do we often think we are wise? Not wise?

Four "actions" of godly wisdom:

Reverence (Psalm 111:10)
Salvation (1 Corinthians 1:30)
Scripture (Colossians 3:16)
Prayer (*James* 1:5)

How do these demonstrate James' point here?

Meekness is "strength under control." What are some examples of meekness?

2. False wisdom brings destruction

What are some important and repeated words James uses in his comparison/contrast of godly wisdom and worldly wisdom?

What kinds of influences and relationships best help you with self-examination and rooting out false wisdom?

James describes false wisdom as earthly, unspiritual, and ***demonic***. Why demonic?

3. True wisdom bears fruit

True wisdom is marked by activity in the moment with its gaze set on eternity. Discuss the implications of this paradox?

What else shines from these verses, impacts, draws attention?

What is difficult to understand in these verses? What would you like to ask the writer, or the Lord?

What are other points of personal application for your life from these verses?