



If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight

and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. **James 3:13-18, 4:1-3**

THROWING SPARKS

1. Wisdom shows up in how you handle people.

A gentle answer turns away wrath... **Proverbs 15:1**

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **Ephesians 4:2**

2. Pride can turn small problems into big division.

Pride leads to conflict... **Proverbs 13:10**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit... **Philippians 2:3**

3. Godly wisdom brings peace, not chaos.

Blessed are the peacemakers... **Matthew 5:9**

Make every effort to do what leads to peace... **Romans 14:19**

4. A lot of battles around us start inside us.

Above all else, guard your heart... **Proverbs 4:23**

Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. **Matthew 12:34**

Believe the Best... **Speak** the Best... and **Do** the Best for others