

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

**“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE BOOK OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

**“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
For as the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without works is dead also.”**

(James 2:17,26)

*“Bold practical Christian living that reflects
a genuine faith evidenced by a transformed life.”*

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

- A. The Test of Faith (1:1–18)
- B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–5:6)
- C. The Triumph of Faith (5:7–20)

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–15:6)

1. Faith Obeys the Word (1:19–27)
2. Faith Shows Impartial Love (2:1–13)
3. Faith Shows Righteous Works (2:14–26)
4. Faith Controls the Tongue (3:1–12)
5. Faith Produces Wisdom (3:13–18)

B5. Faith Produces Wisdom

(James 3:13–18)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you?
Let him show by good conduct that his works
are done in the meekness of wisdom.

B5. Faith Produces Wisdom

(James 3:13–18)

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

B5. Faith Produces Wisdom

(James 3:13–18)

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

B5. Faith Produces Wisdom

(James 3:13–18)

“WISDOM FROM ABOVE”

1. Definition of Wisdom (v 13)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you?
Let him show by good conduct that his works
are done in the meekness of wisdom.

*“Wisdom is the combination of knowledge,
experience, and careful judgment.” (General)*

*“Wise in a practical sense, that is, one who in action
is governed by piety and integrity.” (Biblical)*

B5. Faith Produces Wisdom

(James 3:13–18)

“WISDOM FROM ABOVE”

2. Demonstration of Wisdom

a). Earthly Wisdom (vv 14–16)

14 Bitter envy and self-seeking in heart, boastful and lie against the truth. **15** This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. **16** For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

“self-seeking” – Selfish Ambition (Motive)

“confusion” – Instability, Disorder

B5. Faith Produces Wisdom

(James 3:13–18)

“WISDOM FROM ABOVE”

2. Demonstration of Wisdom

b). True Wisdom (vv 13b,17,18)

13b Good conduct, works done in the meekness of wisdom...

17 Wisdom is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. **18** Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

“A Harvest of Righteousness”

B5. Faith Produces Wisdom

(James 3:13–18)

“WISDOM FROM ABOVE”

3. Deficiency in Wisdom

“If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won't correct you for asking. But when you ask for something, you must have faith and not doubt. Anyone who doubts is like an ocean wave tossed around in a storm. If you are that kind of person, you can't make up your mind, and you surely can't be trusted. So don't expect the Lord to give you anything at all.” (James 1:5–8 CEV)

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“WISDOM FROM ABOVE”

1. Definition of Wisdom

2. Demonstration of Wisdom

3. *Deficiency in Wisdom*

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*

(Proverbs 9:10)

*“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”*

(Ephesians 5:15,16)