

Listen Closely

Description

James 3:13-18..

In a world where people are quick to talk and information is everywhere, it can seem hard to figure out what is wise. James 3 gives us clarity on how to know what is wisdom from God and what isn't wisdom.

Wisdom from God is pure, loves peace, is considerate, submits its will to God, is full of mercy and good fruit, is impartial and sincere. This is a great list for us to keep in mind when we are looking for wisdom.

If someone is subject to violent outbursts, or calls for violence, they aren't wise. If someone is inconsiderate and unkind, they aren't wise. If someone isn't willing to submit themselves to the lordship of Christ, they aren't wise. If someone isn't extending mercy, but rather is calling for revenge, and if they are partial toward a certain group of people, they aren't wise.

We all can name people in the world who are not wise. It might take more patience, more time, and more thoughtfulness to find the wise voices, but it is worth it. Listen closely to them when you do.

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