

James tells us that the allegiance of our hearts is seen in our outward actions; therefore, wisdom from heaven must begin in the allegiance of our hearts.

Symptom:

people who are _____

diagnosis:

a heart that is _____

cure:

a heart that is _____

clinical analysis:

treatment:

Inward Wisdom

James 3:13–4:10 (NIV)

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

^{4:1}What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.



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James 3:14-4:10



Understanding the Bible:
What is the problem being
expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What are the ways in which James describes wisdom
that comes from heaven in today's Bible passage?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: James 3:13-18

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

U C G H T O H M D H - M A
C F O L D S O S H S U G E
F I O N I D E P D U L D N
B N D F S F H E A V E N V
O D L I O I E A R T H L Y
A E W H R D D C O I H N I
S M C U D O N E P T E E H
T O B M E U H - R D A P T
B N M I R E A L A A R U T
D I F L T V R O C E T R L
B C T I V I B V T D S E D
S L H T R L O I I P G E S
G E I Y E S R N C O M E I
L N L F I R T G E V E R Y

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