

## **Wisdom for Harmonious Relationships 9/2/18**

### **James 3:13-18 Wisdom from Above**

**<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.**

#### **1. The negative: worldly “wisdom” acted upon produces conflict**

**Rooted in bitter jealousy and selfish ambition-is arrogant-lies against the truth  
is earthly-natural-demonic-results in disorder and every evil thing**

#### **2. The positive: Godly wisdom leads to harmony**

**Applies to our churches-homes-and all of life**

**Vs.13+17 instructs us to behave with Godly wisdom**

**Meekness of wisdom-source of wisdom is from above**

**Pure-peaceable-gentle-open to reason-full of mercy and good fruits-impartial-sincere**

**Peace must be cultivated with deliberate effort and attention**

**True peace comes from the RIGHTEOUS 1**

**Come to the table and receive His peace**