

James 3:13-4:12

Faith and wisdom





James 3:13

Who is **wise** and understanding among you?

James 3:1

Not many of you should become teachers, ...

James 3:13

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ESV: the meekness *of* wisdom

Wisdom can be understood as the right and proper use of *knowledge*.

Humility / meekness can be understood as the right and proper use of *power*.

Whose wisdom will we hear?

(3:13-18)

James 2:26

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder.

James 3:14

But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.





James 3:15

Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

James 3:16

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.



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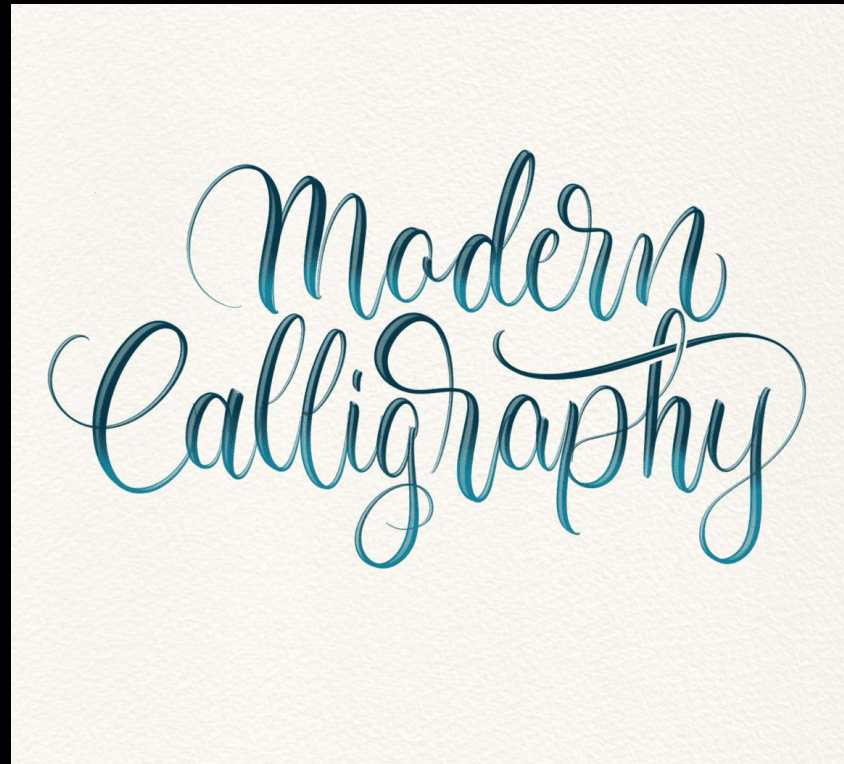
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James 2:1

My brothers and sisters, **believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ** must not show favouritism.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ...**

Philippians 2:8

... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Whose wisdom will we hear?

(3:13-18)

Whose friendship do we want?

(4:1-12)

James 4:4

You 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.



two ways to live
the choice we all face

James 3:13

... the humility that comes from wisdom.

Submitting to God's providence

(4:1-3)

James 4:1-2

What causes fights and quarrels among **you**? Don't they come from **your** desires that battle within **you**? **You** desire but do not have, so **you** kill. **You** covet but **you** cannot get what **you** want, so **you** quarrel and fight.

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James 4:2

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James 4:3

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Submitting to God's salvation

(4:4-10)

James 4:9

Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:6-8

... Scripture says: “God opposes the proud, but shows favour to the humble.” Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Submitting to God's justice

(4:11-12)

James 4:11-12

Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgement on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you — who are you to judge your neighbour?

Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

1 Peter 2:21-24

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

1 Peter 2:21-24

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

