

## Faith Turns Earthly Wisdom into Heavenly Wisdom

**Scripture:** James 3:13-18

### **Faith is wise in conduct**

*“Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom” (v13)*

*“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” (Matthew 7:24)*

### **Faith is wise in conflict**

*“But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.” (v14-15)*

*“And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on the rock, and everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:25-27)*

### **Faith is wise in character**

*“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” (v17-18)*

*“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.” (Matthew 7:15)*

*“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:15-17)*