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## Faith and Wisdom

James 3:13-18

*The first and clearest evidence of God's wisdom (as opposed to the wisdom of this world) is not in the words themselves, but in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ behind the words.*

**Discussion 1.** Can you think of an example of a humble lifestyle that produces (or produced) Godly wisdom? Does "humble lifestyle" necessarily refer to material things? If not, what else might it include?

*The world's "wisdom" tears people down and serves the best interests of the speaker. God's wisdom does not come from a place of self-promotion...it is solely for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 2.** Why do you suppose our world is so enamored with "wisdom" that tears people down? Is this problem getting better with time or worse? How can you discipline yourself to recognize this kind of "wisdom" when you see it or hear it?

*"But the wisdom that comes \_\_\_\_\_ is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." James 3:17. What if we began looking for these characteristics in our leaders?*

**Discussion 3.** Why do you suppose characteristics like humility, purity, peace-loving, considerate and submissive are so opposite from what our culture looks for in leaders and influencers?

*For the Christ follower, there is a direct connection between healthy relationships in our lives and wisdom. When we sow peace and reconciliation, we reap \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 4.** From your own life experiences, have you seen or felt the connection between wisdom and healthy relationships? Does that connection make sense to you or come as a surprise to you? Why?

**Discussion 5.** How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?