

**“WHO’S THE WISE GUY?”\***

**James 3:13-18**

There are guys who are wise, and then there are wise guys. One is positive, the other negative. One actually is wise, but the other only acts wise. One helps people, but the other often harasses people. Which are you?

**I. WISE GUYS...**

*Discern \_\_\_\_\_ of Competing Wisdom.*

**II. WISE EYES...**

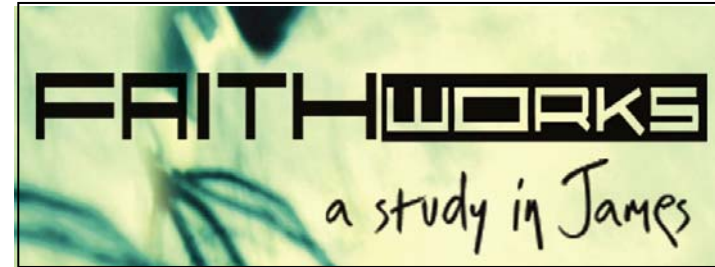
*Discover \_\_\_\_\_ of Counterfeit Wisdom.*

**III. WISE LIVES...**

*Display \_\_\_\_\_ of Correct Wisdom.*

**WISE GUYS LIVE WISE LIVES.**

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Use the following questions to reflect on lessons from the Series, *James: Faith Works!* Ponder these during your quiet times, or use them as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends or REALife Group.

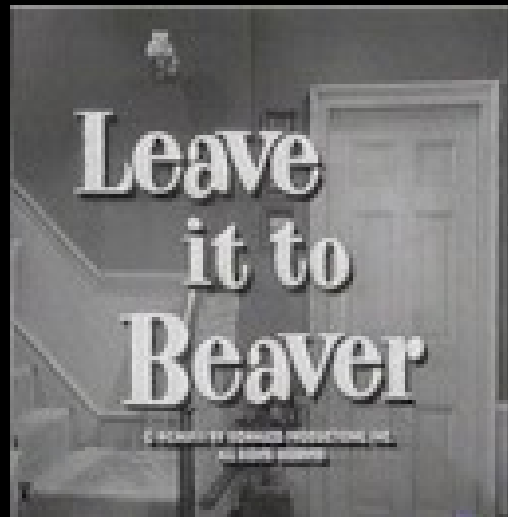
1. Read Proverbs 1. What do you find there that correlates to James' discussion of wisdom in 3:13-18? How would you define wisdom?
2. Since there are competing voices of wisdom in life, what can you do to make sure you are following the wisdom of God? See John 8:31-32 and Colossians 2:8.
3. Review the vices of counterfeit wisdom in James 3:14-16. Are any of these things currently present in your life? What examples of worldly wisdom might these behaviors reveal in your life?
4. Review again the virtues of correct or godly wisdom in James 3:13, 17-18. Based on this list, would those who know you best consider you to be wise? What would you like to strengthen?

Memorize: “*Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.*” James 3:13 NIV



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## James 3:13-18

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# I. WISE GUYS...

*Discern Voices of Competing Wisdom.*

VOICE From Below	VOICE From Above
Of Earth	Of Heaven
Natural	Spiritual
Demonic	Divine
WORLD	WORD

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## II. WISE EYES...

*Discover Vices of Counterfeit Wisdom.*

A. Anger for getting in the way



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## II. WISE EYES...

*Discover Vices of Counterfeit Wisdom.*

- A. Anger for getting in the way
- B. Ambition to get my way
- C. Anarchy when I get my way

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### III. WISE LIVES...

*Display Virtues of Correct Wisdom.*

- A. Pure in Motive
- B. Patient and Merciful
- C. Personally Modeled
- D. Peaceful in Method
- E. Productive for Maturity

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