

Temptation 4: Misunderstanding and Twisting True Wisdom James 03: 13–18

1 *The wise, understanding man or teacher*

- a. Shows good behaviour
- b. Shows humility

2 *The false wisdom*

- a. Its description:
Arouses envy, selfish ambition...
- b. Its source:
Not of God,
but of the earth
- c. Its effects:
Confusion and evil

3 *The true wisdom*

- a. Its source: Of God
- b. Its description: Pure....
- c. Its effects:
The harvest of righteousness

13 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.

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

15 Such “wisdom”
does not come down from heaven
but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.

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

17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven
is first of all pure;
then peace-loving, considerate, submissive,
full of mercy and good fruit,
impartial and sincere.

18 Peacemakers who sow in peace
raise a harvest of righteousness.