



**Living Wisely**  
James 3:13-18

**Insights on the wisdom issue from James:**

1. What you do is just as important as what you say.
2. Wisdom and gentleness are intrinsically connected.
3. Dominating ≠ wisdom.
4. True wisdom is more about good character than good choices.
5. How we treat each other is of greater value than being right.

**Simple thoughts on living wisely:**

1. Living wisely means living gently.
2. Wisdom is less about giving the answer and more about getting to the answer.
3. Wisdom knows that winning the relationship is more important than winning the argument.

# GROWTH *guide*

*For those who are passionate about their faith!*

**We don't typically think of wisdom and gentleness as being related, but in this week's passages we'll be exploring both concepts in a little more detail.**

**Through the New Testament in 2018:** 2 Corinthians 6-10

Monday | **Colossians 2:1-8**

How do loving and encouraging relationships help us understand Christ better? What seems to be Paul's big concern for the readers? What might be some ways we are deceived in our thinking?

Tuesday | **Matthew 5:1-12**

In this passage (often called the Beatitudes) Jesus offers His wisdom on how to live—how does it differ from the “wisdom” we encounter in our world today? How are you living His wisdom?

Wednesday | **Psalms 119:97-104**

How does embracing and immersing ourselves in God's Word bring wisdom into our lives? What are some things that you have learned / are learning from the Bible that are changing your approach to life?

Thursday | **Ephesians 5:15-21**

Paul's instructions here seem to be a bit random, but what common thread runs through them? How might a life of submitting to others (giving them preference) be a part of living wisely?

Friday | **2 Timothy 2:22-26**

Why are we to avoid quarrels—and anything that leads to them? What characteristics are to mark us as the Lord's servants?

Sunday preview | **James 4:1-12**

What does it mean to humble ourselves before God? Why is this such an important thing to Him?