

EVERYDAY FAITH

A WORSHIP SERIES
THROUGH THE
BOOK OF JAMES



James 3:13-18

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Kinetic Faith

Every Action, Attitude and Word
is determined by the “wisdom” we follow

What will Satisfy me
and bring me Peace?
What is True?

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GOOD PLACE CLIP

¹⁴ But if you have **bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts,**
do not boast and be false to the truth.

Bitter jealousy = “salty” passion
Selfish Ambition = Creating Factions
In Your Hearts = Faith → Behavior

YOLO
You Do You
Live Your Truth
Look out for #1

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but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

Earthly

The voices of others:
what culture tells me

2 Timothy 4:3
...they will gather
around them a great
number of teachers to
say what their itching
ears want to hear.

Unspiritual

“my own voice”
Let your conscience
be your guide.

1 John 2:16
...the desires of the flesh
and the desires of the
eyes and pride of life—is
not from the Father but
is from the world.

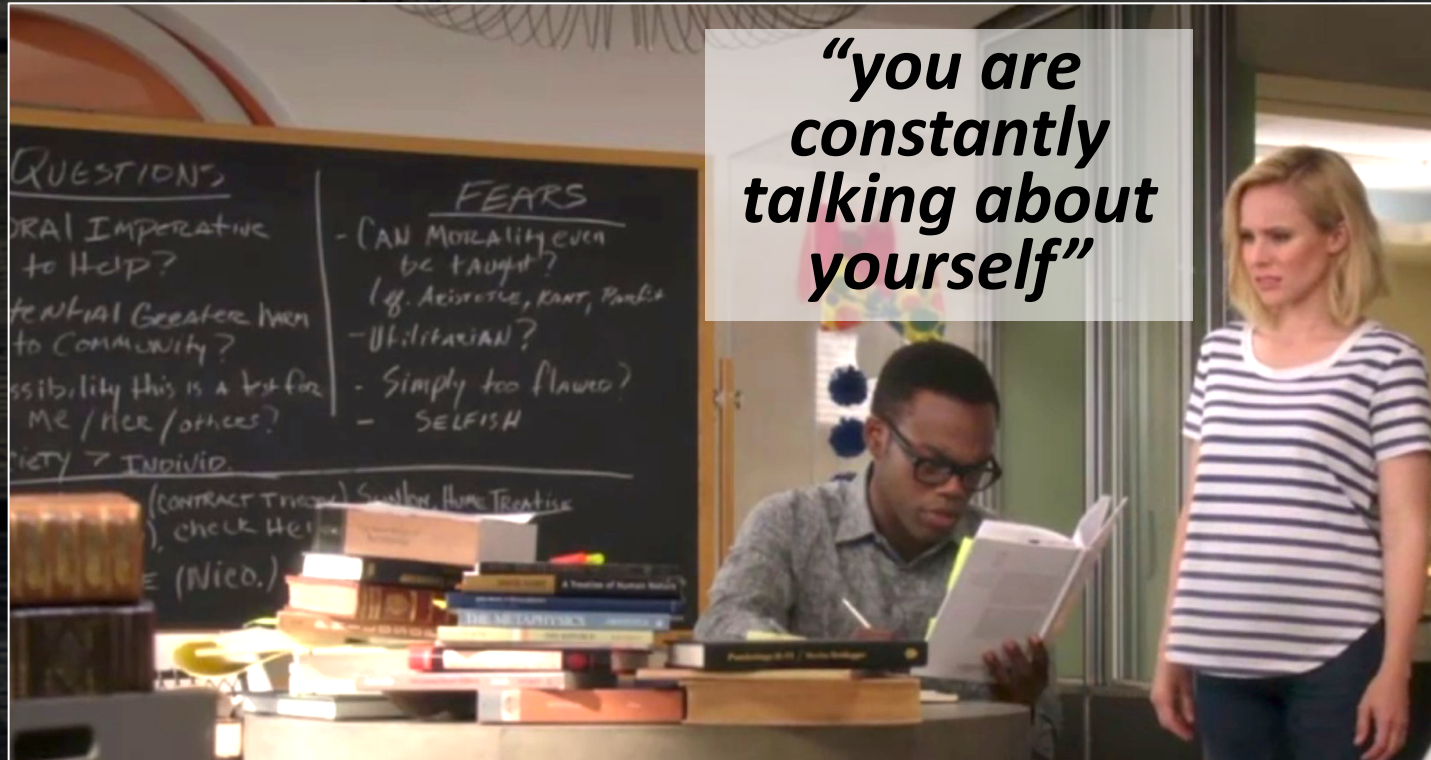
Demonic

The voices from below

Genesis 3:1
(The serpent) said to
the woman, “Did God
actually say, ‘You shall
not eat of any tree in
the garden’?”

Worldly Wisdom:
What it produces

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“you are constantly talking about yourself”

In our pursuit of “inner peace” we create outer division.

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Open to Reason = Inward Teachable Humility

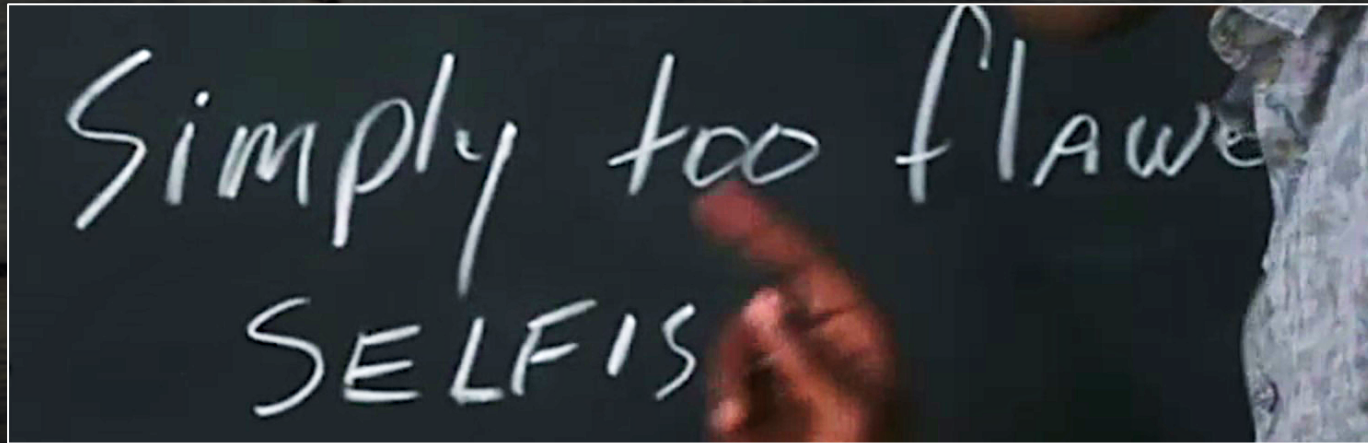
Gentle/Mercy/Impartial = Outward Grace

Sincere = Faith → Behavior

My life for yours

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Godly Wisdom:
Where it comes from



"meekness of wisdom"

Must admit we are
wrong in order to be
made right

Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

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Godly Wisdom:
What it produces

As I hold on to my God-Given Secure Value, I am set free to...

¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in **peace** by those who make **peace**.

The “fruit” of being given Jesus’ righteousness, of being given peace with God, is to lovingly pursue peace with others, even those with whom we disagree

¹³ By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

Our “wisdom” will always come out in the way we treat others.

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Evaluate

Where do you see self>others in your words, heart, goals, fears, attitudes, judgements?

Confess

Simply and honestly take these to Jesus. He's already paid the price for our bitter jealousy and selfish ambitions.

Believe

Jesus himself has, through his death, tore the "temple curtain" that separated us from God, bringing us freely into Him.

Love

Because I am fully fulfilled, I am freed from creating division by using others to feel better about myself.

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Luke 22

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

