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¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

1. What is the significance of James asking us, “Who is wise and understanding among you?” as his first words of this teaching?
2. Explain the phrase, “meekness of wisdom”.
3. Why does James warn not to boast about or deny the truth if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition?

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4. How is earthly wisdom demonic and unspiritual? How does this lead to disorder and chaos?

5. When have you experienced the result of bitter jealousy and contention within a Christian community? Within yourself?

6. Why would this wisdom from above, produce the fruit of righteousness that is sown in peace?

7. What needs to happen for this fruit of righteousness that is sown in peace to thrive in your community and in your life?