

**James 3:13 – 4:17**

3:13 – wise	(adjective)	well-informed; prudent; has good knowledge and judgment
3:13 – among	(preposition)	in the group; in the midst of
3:13 – deeds	(noun)	things that are done; acts
3:13 – humility	(adjective)	state of being humble; not being proud
3:13 – wisdom	(noun)	a store of knowledge; good knowledge and judgment
3:14 – harbour	(verb)	hold in the mind; cling to
3:14 – bitter	(adjective)	strong resentment or hostility; having a harsh and unpleasant taste
3:14 – envy	(noun)	desire to have something that someone else possesses; jealousy
3:14 – selfish	(adjective)	focussed on one’s own benefit or advantage
3:14 – ambition	(noun)	a desire for success, achievement or advantage
3:14 – boast	(verb)	speak in an excessively proud manner about the qualities of something
3:14 – deny	(verb)	declare something to be untrue; reject
3:15 – heaven	(noun)	the place where God dwells
3:15 – earthly	(adjective)	of the earth; used here as the opposite of ‘heavenly’
3:15 – unspiritual	(adjective)	not spiritual; used here as the opposite of being from heaven (i.e. from God)
3:15 – devil	(noun)	Satan – the enemy of God and his people
3:16 – disorder	(noun)	disturbance of peace
3:17 – pure	(adjective)	perfect; without fault
3:17 – peace-loving	(adjective)	peaceful; not violent
3:17 – considerate	(adjective)	careful; thoughtful toward others
3:17 – submissive	(adjective)	inclined to being humble
3:17 – mercy	(noun)	undeserved kindness
3:17 – good fruit	(noun)	good acts; good works
3:17 – impartial	(adjective)	not biased toward any one side; fair
3:17 – sincere	(adjective)	genuine; not deceitful or hypocritical

3:17 – Peacemakers	(noun)	people who bring peace between others
3:17 – sow	(verb)	plant seeds
3:17 – raise	(verb)	grow
3:17 – harvest	(noun)	the outcome of an effort; literally, the crop that is picked by a farmer at the end of a season
3:17 – righteousness	(verb)	blamelessness; right or just before God
4:1 – causes	(verb)	brings about; makes happen
v1 – quarrels	(noun)	angry disagreements; arguments
v1 – desires	(noun)	cravings; things that you wish for
v1 – battle	(verb)	fight
v1 – within	(preposition)	inside; enclosed in
v2 – covet	(verb)	wish for; want something that does not belong to you
v3 – motives	(noun)	the reasons for a certain behaviour
v3 – pleasures	(noun)	things that bring enjoyment or delight
v4 – adulterous	(adjective)	unfaithful; cheating
v4- hatred	(noun)	a feeling of dislike
v4 – toward	(preposition)	in the direction of; with regard to
v4 – enemy	(noun)	adversary; someone opposed to you
v5 – Scripture	(noun)	the Bible; the word of God
v5 – envies	(verb)	feels jealous
v5 – intensely	(adjective)	strongly
v5 – grace	(noun)	the mercy and kindness of God
v6 – opposes	(verb)	fights against; resists
v6 – proud	(noun)	someone having much pride
v6 – humble	(noun)	someone who is aware of their own faults
v7 – submit	(verb)	voluntarily put yourself under someone else’s authority
v7 – resist	(verb)	stand up against; fight against; not give in to

v7 – flee	(verb)	run away from; avoid
v8 – purify	(verb)	make pure; make clean or perfect
v8 – double-minded	(adjective)	undecided
v9 – grieve	(verb)	feel sadness or distress
v9 – mourn	(verb)	feel sadness about a loss
v9 – wail	(verb)	cry loudly because of sadness
v9 – gloom	(noun)	a state of sadness or depression
v11 – slander	(verb)	say false things about another to hurt their reputation
v11 – speak against	(verb)	criticise
v11 – keeping it	(phrase)	following (the Law)
v12 – Lawgiver	(noun)	the one who decides what is wrong and right; God himself
v14 – mist	(noun)	a thin fog that prevents things being seen clearly
v14 – vanishes	(verb)	disappears; fades away
v15- ought	(verb)	should; have a duty to do something
v16 – brag	(verb)	speak boastfully about
v17 – sins	(noun)	an offence (against God, another person); a wrong

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<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you wise and understanding? That person should show it by living a good life. A wise person isn't proud when they do good deeds. <sup>14</sup> But suppose your hearts are jealous and bitter. Suppose you are concerned only about getting ahead. Then don't brag about it. And don't say no to the truth. <sup>15</sup> Wisdom like this doesn't come down from heaven. It belongs to the earth. It doesn't come from the Holy Spirit. It comes from the devil. <sup>16</sup> Are you jealous? Are you concerned only about getting ahead? Then your life will be a mess. You will be doing all kinds of evil things.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is pure. That's the most important thing about it. And that's not all. It also loves peace. It thinks about others. It obeys. It is full of mercy and good fruit. It is fair. It doesn't pretend to be what it is not. <sup>18</sup> Those who make peace plant it like a seed. They will harvest a crop of right living.

**4** Why do you fight and argue among yourselves? Isn't it because of your sinful desires? They fight within you. <sup>2</sup> You want something, but you don't have it. So you kill. You want what others have, but you can't get what you want. So you argue and fight. You don't have what you want, because you don't ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you do ask for something, you don't receive it. That's because you ask for the wrong reason. You want to spend your money on your sinful pleasures.

<sup>4</sup> You are not faithful to God. Don't you know that to be a friend of the world is to hate God? So anyone who chooses to be the world's friend becomes God's enemy. <sup>5</sup> Don't you know what Scripture says? God wants the spirit in us to belong only to him. God caused this spirit to live in us. Don't you think Scripture has a reason for saying this? <sup>6</sup> But God continues to give us more grace. That's why Scripture says,

"God opposes those who are proud.  
But he gives grace to those who are humble."

<sup>7</sup> So obey God. Stand up to the devil. He will run away from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners. Make your hearts pure, you who can't make up your minds. <sup>9</sup> Be full of sorrow. Cry and weep. Change your laughter to mourning. Change your joy to sadness. <sup>10</sup> Be humble in front of the Lord. And he will lift you up.

<sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, don't speak against one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister speaks against the law. And anyone who judges another believer judges the law. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it. Instead, you are acting as if you were its judge.<sup>12</sup> There is only one Lawgiver and Judge. He is the God who is able to save life or destroy it. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

<sup>13</sup> Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city. We will spend a year there. We will buy and sell and make money."<sup>14</sup> You don't even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? It is a mist that appears for a little while. Then it disappears. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you should say, "If it pleases the Lord, we will live and do this or that."<sup>16</sup> As it is, you brag. You brag about the evil plans your pride produces. This kind of bragging is evil. <sup>17</sup> So suppose someone knows the good deeds they should do. But suppose they don't do them. By not doing these good deeds, they sin.

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