



## **LESSON SIX: Genuine Wisdom** (James 3:9-18)

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Introduction: Christians should appreciate the practical nature of the book of James. The writer uses common sense words, illustrations, and teaching. I believe that his intention is to show that God desires us to live genuine Christian lives. With each section of Scripture we dissect, we will consider another valuable truth from the brother of Jesus, and learn how to grow in our faith. In this lesson, we will focus on genuine wisdom. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

- I. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Delivers (vs.9-10)**
  - A. Christians should see the good aspect of the tongue.
  - B. Christians should remember God's plan.
  - C. Christians should know the difference between blessing and cursing.
  
- II. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Divulges (vs.11-12)**
  - A. Christians must realize that speech springs from our inward character.
  - B. Christians must realize that speech pours from our nature.
  - C. Christians must realize that speech is affected by our spiritual condition.
  
- III. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Denies (vs.13-14)**
  - A. Christians can understand the need for wisdom.
  - B. Christians can understand the need for meekness.
  - C. Christians can understand the need for good works.
  
- IV. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Demonizes (vs.15-16)**
  - A. Christians need to see that earthly things can blind us.
  - B. Christians need to see that sensual experiences can numb us.
  - C. Christians need to see that self-seeking pursuits can condemn us.
  
- V. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Demonstrates (vs.17-18)**
  - A. Christians will demonstrate godly wisdom.
  - B. Christians will demonstrate these things without partiality and hypocrisy.
  - C. Christians will demonstrate the peace of God.

Conclusion: This practicality of this book leads us to see things that are applicable in any age. To live genuine Christian lives we need genuine wisdom. Will you follow James' advice?

**WORD OF THE DAY = "Wisdom"**