

Faith & Wisdom

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JAMES
FAITH / WORKS

WARM UP

What is something you are looking forward to this summer?

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Young Adults Summer Kickoff Friday, June 4 • 6:30 p.m. • Outdoor Ponds • All young adults (ages 18–25) are invited to this cookout to enjoy fellowship, yard games, and to learn about our upcoming summer plans!

Membership Class Sunday, June 6 • 4:00 p.m. • MC 3 • To RSVP, visit GracePolaris.org/Membership or text “Membership” to 614-888-7733.

Vacation Bible School June 21–25 • 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • All kids and students in K–Grade 8 are invited to join us for an epic adventure! Visit www.VacationBible.School to learn more, register, volunteer, or donate!

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you’re praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Who’s someone you know well and would consider to be wise? Who’s someone you only know from afar and would consider to be wise? Describe why.
- 2 Many people think that wisdom is an intellectual trait, but James describes it as a behavioral — or *life conduct* — trait. Why? What’s the difference?
- 3 What’s the connection between wisdom and humility? Does our culture value the pursuit of wisdom? Why or why not? What other virtue(s) does our culture value?
- 4 We speak of being “self-actualized,” “true to ourselves,” and “authentic.” What’s the danger of those pursuits according to 3:14–16? What does 3:16 say about human nature and the goodness of sinful, fallen people?
- 5 Why does James put such an emphasis on the reality of peace when he speaks of wisdom?
- 6 What are one or two traits from 3:17,18 which may be lacking in your life? Explain.
- 7 Though James doesn’t mention the Holy Spirit in this passage, what role does He play in living a life of wisdom?

PRAY

Ask God to help you grow in wisdom.