

“But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.” James 3:17-18 NLT

## lectio James 3:17-18

Ah James, you know how to give such good, solid, refreshingly simple truths to your readers. This wisdom, you write about had a whole history behind its meaning, and I'm am glad you started with the word - PURE. It is "pure inside and out; holy because uncontaminated from sin." The source is holy/pure. Then you define it further by (mostly) behaviors. How can wisdom be seen? Well those who wield it behave peace loving, gentle, they yield - YIELD (when was the last time you saw power and purity yield?) to others. Those who give wisdom, DO wisdom, are full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. This pure, yielded wisdom is EQUITABLE, sincere and sow seeds of the same. This merciful, gentle wisdom can be reproduced by sowing its seeds of peace. Sign-me-up for that conference. Put me on that email list. Subscribe me to that podcast - I AM IN!

## oratio

Dad,

When I was young and dumb I begged for this kind of wisdom. This wisdom I read about in Proverbs was always encouraging me to respond to others NOT react. This wisdom was so important to me that I wanted to learn from you about how to have it and behave out it's effect on me for the rest of my life. I still pursue it. I see James write this beautiful, short summary of its influence on others and I crave it all the more now that I'm older. You said to ask for it, so I continually do so.

## contemplatio

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root