Title: Wise Up
Text: James 3:13-18
Target: Two Kinds of Wisdom. Two Different Sources. Two Different Outcomes.

I. **<u>Receive</u> Godly Wisdom:** *"Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom."* (Vs. 13)
   A. **Source of Wisdom:** God does not acquire wisdom for God is infinite in wisdom. (**Romans 11:33, Psalm 147:5, Colossians 2:3)**
   B. **Pursuit of Wisdom:** The wisdom of God can be obtained through the example of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Word of God. (**James 1:5, Proverbs 9:10, Proverbs 2:6, Psalm 119:105)**
   C. **Evidence of Wisdom:** Godly wisdom never leads to arrogance, it leads to humility. (**Proverbs 11:2, Philippians 2:5-8, Matthew 11:29)**

II. **<u>Reject</u> Worldly Wisdom: (Vs. 14-16)**
   A. **Put Yourself First:** *"But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth."* (Vs. 14)
      1. **Embrace Victim Mentality:** *"bitter jealousy"*
      2. **Build your own Kingdom:** *"selfish ambition"*
      3. **Crave the Spotlight:** *"do not boast"*
      4. **Believe your own Truth:** *"be false to the truth"*
   B. **Leave God Out:** *"This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic."* (Vs. 15)
      1. **Conform to the World:** *"earthly"*
      2. **Cater to the Flesh:** *"unspiritual"*
      3. **Conclude that Devil isn't Real:** *"demonic"*
   C. **Tear others Down:** *"For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice."* (Vs. 16)
      1. **Create Division:** *"disorder"*
      2. **Cause Destruction:** *"vile practice"*

III. **<u>Represent</u> Kingdom Wisdom: (Vs. 17-18)**
   A. **Be a Kingdom Builder:** *"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."* (Vs. 17)
      1. **Christ-Like Character:** *"pure, peaceable"*
      2. **Christ-Like Compassion:** *"gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere"*
   B. **Be a Peace Maker:** *"And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."* (Vs. 18)
      1. **Sow Peace:** *"sow in peace"*
      2. **Make Peace:** *"who make peace"*

Takeaway: Your input determines your output. If you don't like your output, then change your input.