

BEARING FRUIT – Part 2

James 3:13-18

7/12/23

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Recently – began a new series
- Subject – Bearing Fruit
- A few details about the series
 - Not choosing the popular Galatians 5:19-23
 - In 3 parts – from 3 different authors – Paul, James and Peter
- Title tonight – Part 2 – from James 3:13-18

- Paul Romans 5:1-5
- James James 3:13-18
- Peter 2 Peter 1:5-9

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- Quick background – James 3

James 3:1-12	control the tongue
John 8:44	words – of the Son of God
Acts 23:1-5	words – of Paul
Rom. 12:17-21	instruction – no revenge
2 Cor. 11:20	instruction – recognize religious people trying to control you
Eph. 4:26-27	be angry – but don't sin
2 Tim. 4:14-15	no revenge – beware of certain people

- James 3:13

James 3:13	who is wise and understanding among you? – show by good conduct that your works (actions) are done in the meekness of wisdom
Matt. 22:39	you shall love your neighbor, as you love yourself – (self-respect)
Phil. 2:3	not strife (selfish ambition) or conceit – lowliness of mind – esteem others

- James 3:14-16 – envying and strife

King James – envying and strife [or contentions]

New King James – envying and self-seeking

Envying

“zelos” (Strong's #2205) – noun

zeal, ardent concern – or jealousy, envy, rage

translated – “zeal” – 6 times

translated – “envying” – 4 times

Strife

“eritheia” (Strong’s #2052) – noun
selfish ambition, faction, strife
translated – “strife” – 5 times
James 3:14 – James 3:16 – 2 Corinthians 12:20 –
Galatians 5:20 – Philippians 2:3
translated – “contentious” or “contention” – 2 times
Romans 2:8 – Philippians 1:16
variation – “eris” (Strong’s #2054) – noun
quarrel, strife, dissension, discord
translated – “strife” – 4 times
translated – “contentions” – 2 times
translated – “debates” or “debate” – 2 times
translated – “variance” – 1 time

James 3:14	if you have bitter envy and self-seeking (strife) in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth
15	envy and self-seeking does not descend from above – they are earthly, sensual, demonic
16	where envy and self-seeking (strife) exist = confusion and every evil thing will be there

Devilish or Demonic

“daimoniodes” (Strong’s #1141) – description
of the devil, demonic
used only 1 time

King James – devilish

New King James – demonic

variation – “daimonion” (Strong’s #1140) – noun

demon, (pagan) god

translated – devils – 41 times

translated – devil – 18 times

translated – gods – 1 time – (Acts 17:18)

different from “diabolos” (Strong’s #1228) – noun

the devil, Satan, or a wicked person who is like the devil

translated – devil – 35 times

James 3:17-18

James 3:17	wisdom from above	
	· pure	· full of mercy
	· peaceable	· full of good fruits
	· gentle	· without partiality
	· willing to yield	· without hypocrisy
18	the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace – by those who make peace	