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The main theme for our series is James 1:4b ESV

That you may be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking in nothing.



James 3:13-18 NLT

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II. The characteristics of **earthly** wisdom.

James 3:14-16 NLT

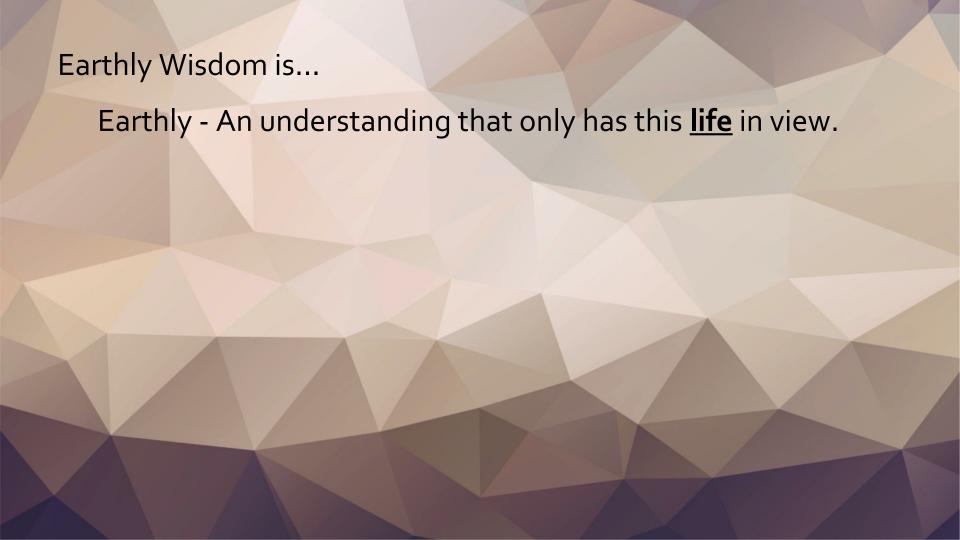
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Philippians 2:3-4 NIV

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.





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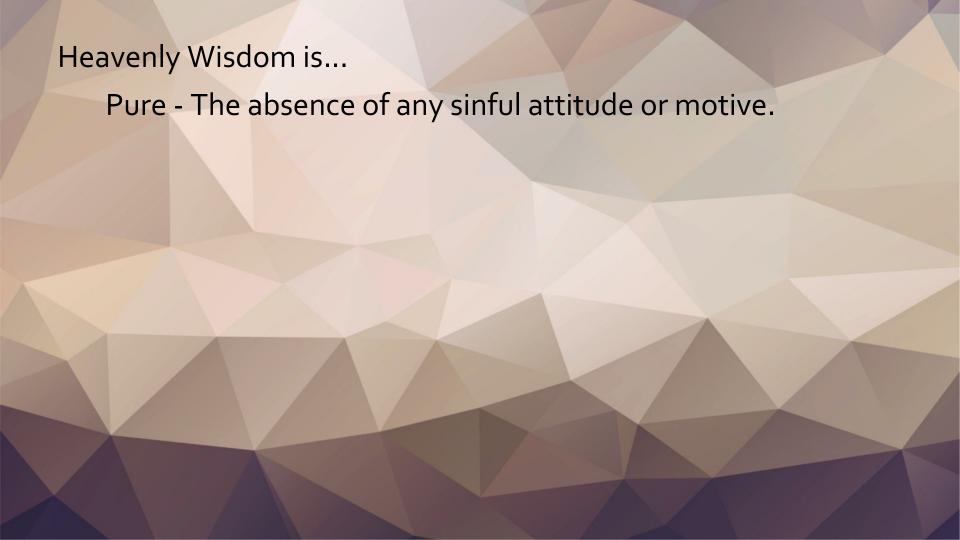


III. The characteristics of heavenly wisdom.

James 3:17 NLT

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Sincere - Without hypocrisy and done with alternative motives.





Earthly wisdom reaps <u>confusion</u> and evil. Heavenly wisdom reaps <u>peace</u> and righteousness.

