



# Daily Reflections

**May 21, 2018**

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## Scripture

### **James 3: 13-18**

Beloved:

Who among you is wise and understanding?

Let him show his works by a good life  
in the humility that comes from wisdom.

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts,  
do not boast and be false to the truth.

Wisdom of this kind does not come down from above  
but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,  
there is disorder and every foul practice.

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,  
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,  
full of mercy and good fruits,  
without inconstancy or insincerity.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace.

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## Our Scripture Reflection

James writes his letter to a Church community around Judea that has immersed itself in secular practices. He writes not just to take them to task, but also to remind them of their sublime mission: To be the visible Presence of Christ in the world. That means they must have the mind of Christ and to

put His Gospel into practice by living it as He desires and not according to the way of the world.

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## **Food for your Journey**

The value of Simplicity" is needed as never before. Vernard Eller's description of simplicity is as good as can be found: "a lessened evaluation of what the world promotes as important."

--The Simple Life

('Grand Rapids, Hymns Mich.: Eerdmans, 1973), 114.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Help me to live according to Your Way and not the way of my culture. May I do so by living the Gospel to the best of my ability and with the help of,Your Grace. May I live a life worthy of my calling to be Your disciple. Amen