


**WAKE UP
CALL**

Series





THE
GOD KIND
OF *WISDOM*



True wisdom
begins and ends
with God.

— From *OUR DUTY BREED*

James
4:3 ESV

 You ask and do not receive,
because you ask wrongly, to
spend it on your passions. 

God Quotes

From James

Do You Know These
3 Keys to Wisdom?

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God's
Wisdom is..

1. Shared

2. Seen

3. Selfless

THE GOD KIND OF *WISDOM*

1. Shared by God

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

JAMES 1:5-8

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1. Shared by God

Given by the Spirit:

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.”

Ephesians 5:15-18

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Shared by God @
the Altar

- At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want Me to give you.”
(1 Kings 3:5, NIV84)
- “So give Your servant a discerning heart to govern Your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of Yours?”
(1 Kings 3:9, NIV84)



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2. Seen by Man

Who among you is *Wise*
and *Understanding?*

Let him show by
his good behavior
his deeds in the
gentleness of
wisdom.

James 3:13



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Seen by man
from the Altar

**Do not forget
to do good
and to share
with others,
for with such
sacrifices God
is pleased.**

—Hebrews 13:16



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3. Selfless by Us

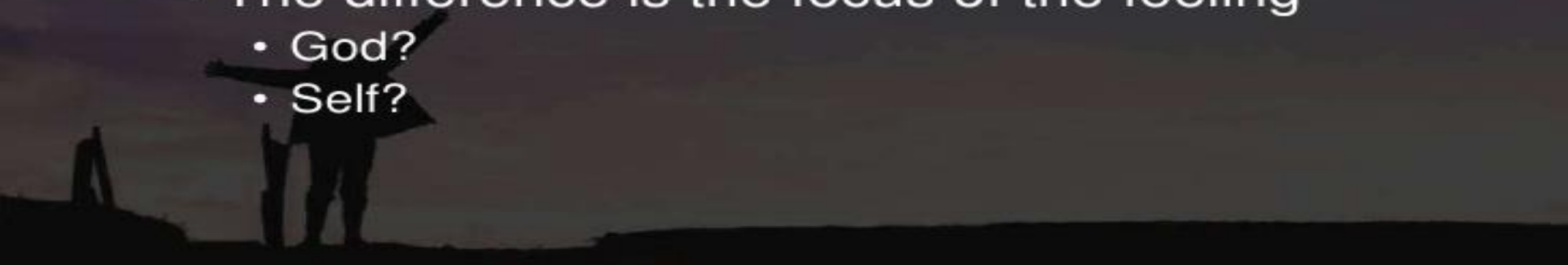
JAMES 3:14-17



But if you have bitter envy and **self-seeking** in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. ¹⁷ But the **wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, **without partiality and without hypocrisy.**

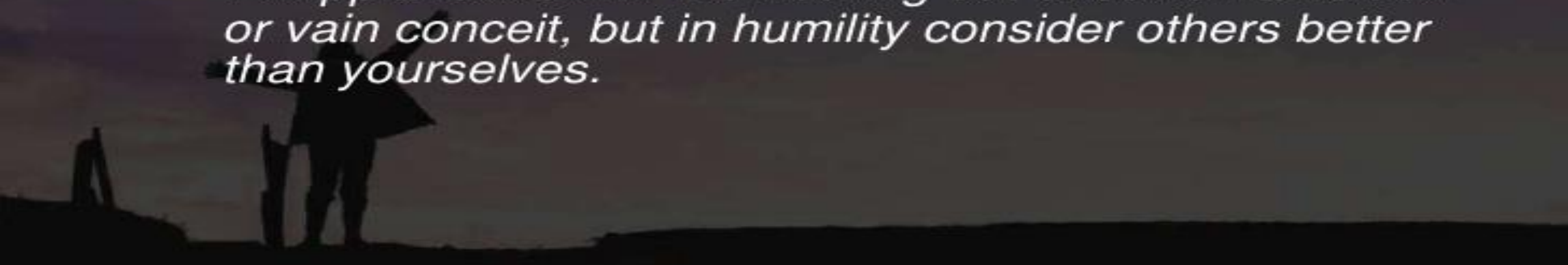
Bitter Envy

- *James 3:14 NIV But if you harbor bitter envy ...*
- Envy is *zelos* – not necessarily a bad word
 - Applied to a noble sentiment, “zeal”
 - Applied to human ambition, “jealousy”, “envy”
 - A fine line between zeal & jealousy
 - The difference is the focus of the feeling
 - God?
 - Self?



Selfish ambition

- *James 3:14 NIV But if you harbor ... selfish ambition in your hearts...*
- *Eritheia* means “party spirit”
 - Described a politician canvassing for votes
 - Human wisdom says, “Get all the support you can!”
 - “Ask people in the church to take your side!”
 - Self-seeking creates rivalry & division in the church
 - *Philippians 2:3 NIV Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.*

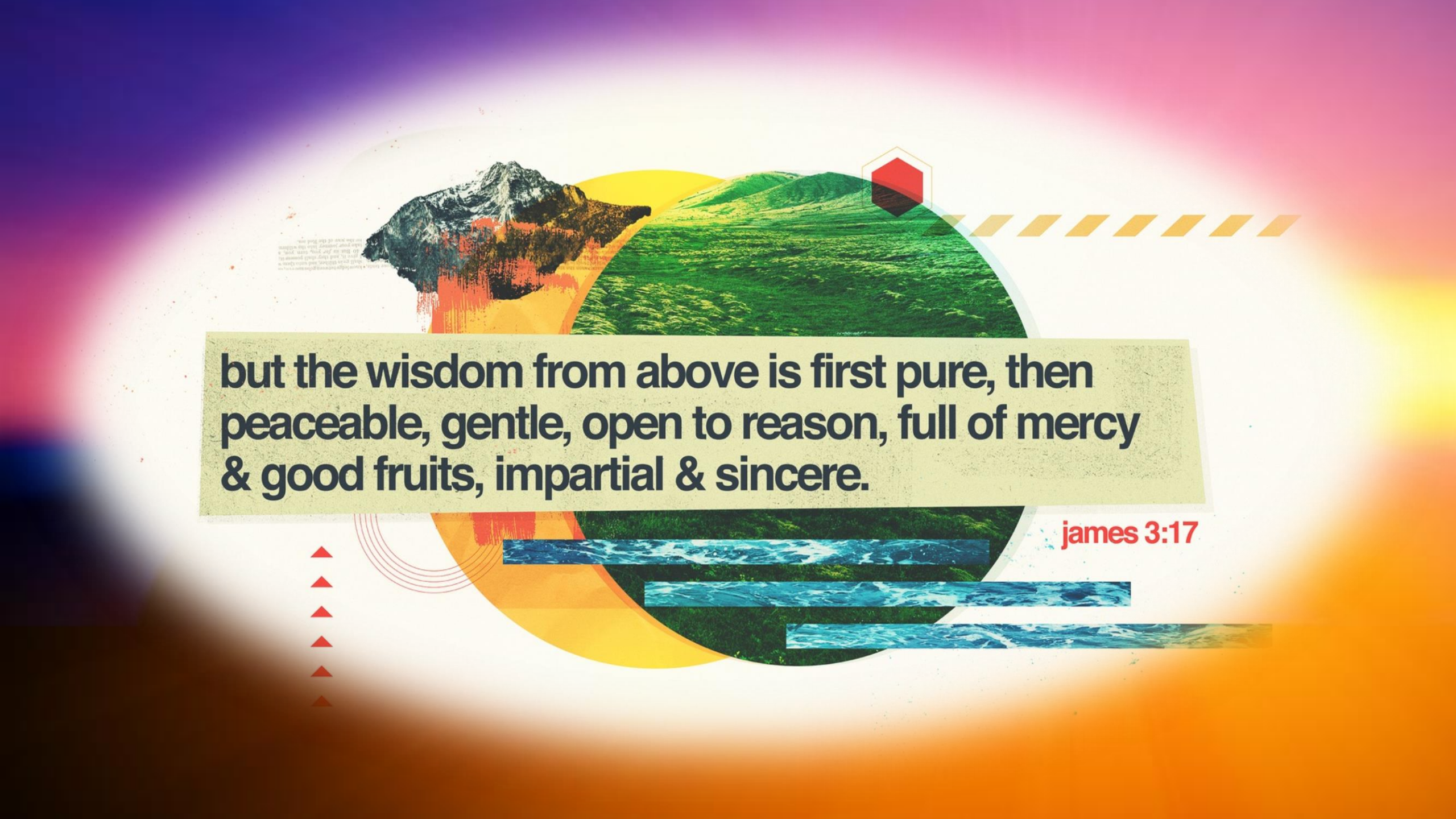


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Selfless by us –
Is the Altar

Matthew 5:23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24. leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.





**but the wisdom from above is first pure, then
peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy
& good fruits, impartial & sincere.**

james 3:17

Walking
In
Selfless
Divinely
Ordered
Manner



Knowing His Word
Understanding His Ways
Walking in Wisdom