**James 3:13-18 (Oak Ridge, TN – July 24, 2022)**

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| **Demonic (James 3:14-16)** | **Wisdom from Above (James 3:17-18)** |
| Bitter Envy | **Pure** |
| Self-seeking | **Peaceable** |
| Selfish Ambition | **Gentle** |
| Earthly | **Willing to Yield** |
| Sensual | **Full of Mercy & Good Fruits** |
| Confusion | **Without Partiality** |
| Every Evil Things | **Without Hypocrisy** |

**Pure -** Without anything bad – pure honey, pure gold, spring water – the pure Word of God

**(Matthew 5:8, 1 Timothy 1:5, 2 Timothy 2:22, 1 Peter 1:22-23, 2:1-3)**

**Peaceable or peace-loving -** The last few years we have witnessed a lot of violence - those who want to punish those in opposition – 9-11-2001. **(Matthew 5:9, Romans 12:18, 1 Timothy 2:2, Titus 3:1-2, Hebrews 12:11)** “Peaceable fruit of righteousness” – related to Good Fruits.

**Gentle or Considerate –** One of my children’s stories - Lonely bear – Big and scary looking – but gentle to all who knew him. When you are gentle, it goes hand in hand with considering the needs of other’s.

**(Matthew 11:29, Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Timothy 2:24-26, 1 Peter 3:3-4)**

**Willing to Yield -** The phrase “willing to yield” captures a lot of things. From the Greek and various translations: to comply with, obey, easily obeying, compliant, easy to be entreated, open to reason, submissive **(Acts 5:29 & 32, Ephesians 5:18-21, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5)**

**Full of Mercy and Good Fruits -** This church is full of good examples of this – When a need arises, many times you guys are already planning for it or have already done when I find out about it! (Judy’s/Foy’s)

**(Matthew 5:7, Luke 3:8, 6:36, Philippians 1:8-11)**

**Without Partiality or Favoritism - Impartial –** “seeing faces” - Color blind, social status blind – Jessie and Samantha – dark skinned – Dion **(Acts 10:34-35, James 2:1-4, Romans 2:11)**

**Without Hypocrisy or Sincere -** Example Yogesh Seth & John Wondolleck

**(Mark 7:6, Luke 12:1, Romans 12:9-16)**

**CLOSE: James 3:18 – “Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”**

**1 Peter 3:8-12**

Children of God are to be pursuing peace with each other, with others in the world as much as is possible, and with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! If you are not a child of God this morning, it is time for you to make peace with your Maker. Confess that Jesus is the Son of God, repent of your sins, and be baptized to wash them all away **(Matthew 28:18-20).** Being at Peace with God will give you a rewarding life now and eternal life one day!