

What does worldly wisdom look like in action?

It is just concerned with earthly results.

It doesn't see spiritual value.

Maybe Alzheimer's disease runs in your family genes, but don't succumb to it. Instead, say every day, 'My mind is alert. I have clarity of thought. I have a good memory. Every cell in my body is increasing and getting healthier.' Start boldly declaring... "God is restoring health unto me. I am getting better every day in every way." - Joel Osteen, Become a Better You, pg. 45, 114.

It is demonic in origin.

Worldly wisdom brings about Satan's destructive desires.

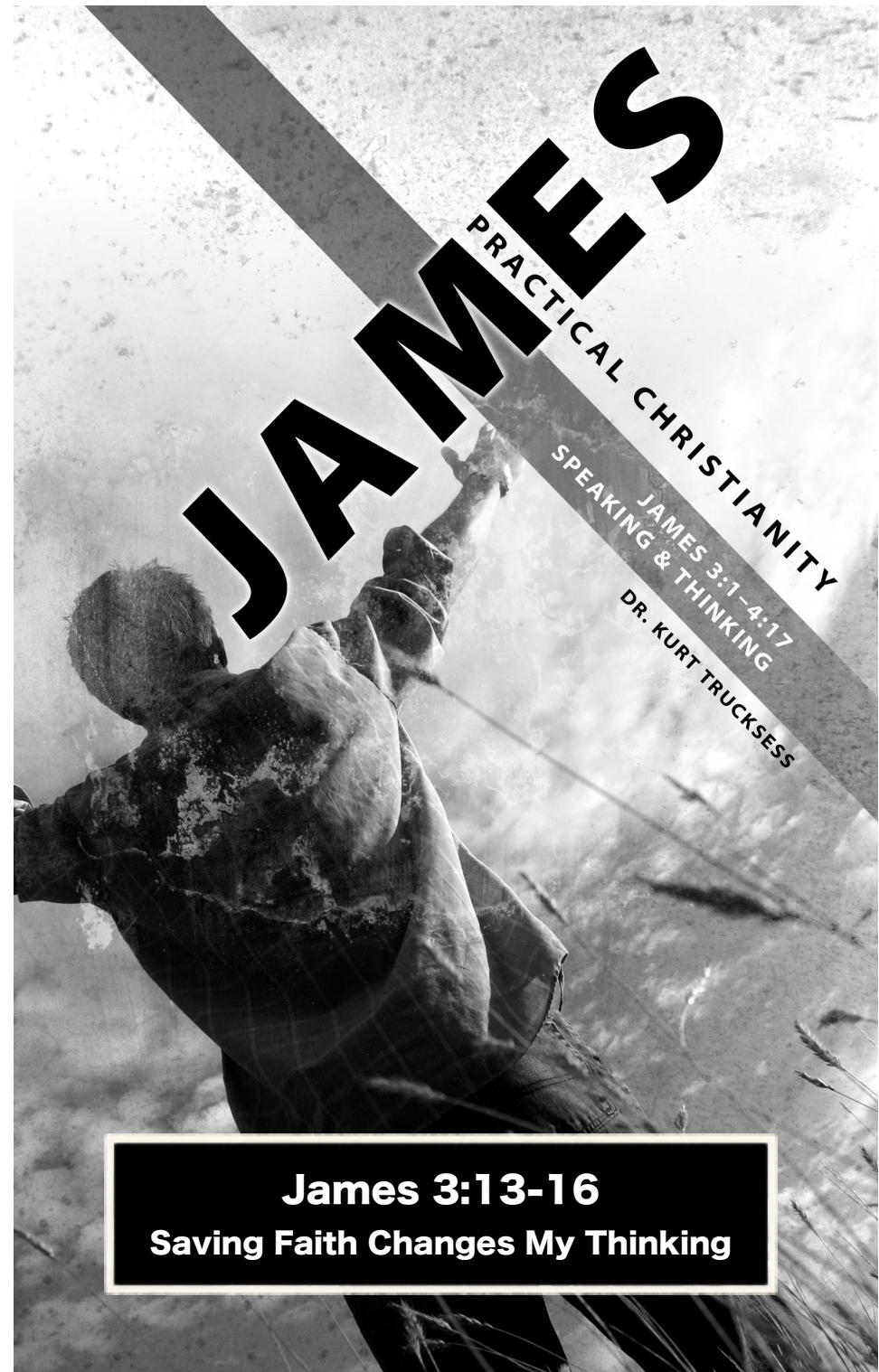
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Questions to Ponder:

- Am I marked by bitter feelings towards others in the church?
- Is there a pattern of unresolved conflict in my life?
- How do I treat those I don't agree with?
- Is it hard for me to rejoice in others success?

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James 3:13-16 - Saving Faith Changes My Thinking

***Wisdom** - Skill in righteous living*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16 (ESV)

and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15 (ESV)

that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3 (ESV)

Godly wisdom produces good conduct.

Godly wisdom produces meekness.

***Meekness** - Power under control*

Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. Numbers 12:3 (ESV)

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:3-8 (ESV)

Those living by earthly wisdom destroy others.

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. James 3:14-16 (ESV)

Bitter Jealousy

Selfish Ambition

***Selfish Ambition** - The desire to use divisive means to promote your own interests.*

I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church. 3 John 9-10 (ESV)