



“Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.” Matthew 10:16

Why is racism so difficult to talk about?

“Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.” James 3:13-18

1. **Earthly wisdom** (14-16)

- The *home* of this wisdom - where is it from?
Earthly, unspiritual, demonic
- The *heart* of this wisdom - what is it like?
Characterized by harsh zeal and self-interest
Boasts and is false to the truth
- The *harvest* of this wisdom - what does it produce?
Disorder and every vile practice

2. **Heavenly wisdom** (17-18)

- The *home* of this wisdom - where is it from?
“from above”
- The *heart* of this wisdom - what is it like?
“It is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, sincere.”
- The *harvest* of this wisdom - what does it produce?
“And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

“Be loving enough to absorb evil and understanding enough to turn an enemy into a friend.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Racism =

“wisdom from above” -

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