

## **James 3:17-18 - The Description of Victory**

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### **James: A Handbook on Holiness**

#### **The Description of Victory**

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#### **The Explanation of Victory**

17 But the wisdom from above

#### **The Evidence of Victory**

is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

#### **The Effect of Victory**

18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

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1.

V. 17a – We are told to "kill" sin (Rom. 8:13; Col. 3ff). Victory over sin is the will of God the Father (1 Thess. 4:3), flows from the Savior (John 15:5; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 1:3; Phil. 4:13), is applied by the Spirit (Ez. 36:27; John 7:38-39; Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:9-13; Gal. 5:22-23; Heb. 10:16), presented through scripture (Ps. 119:11; John 17:17; 1 Pet. 2:2), and received by prayer (1 Tim. 4:5; 2 Cor. 3:18). Because our salvation comes "from above," is the Christian's fight with sin \_\_\_ a winning or \_\_\_ losing battle? Or \_\_\_ a tie?

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V. 17b – Think of an example from scripture or life of each of these traits of Godly wisdom.

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3.

V. 18 – How does making peace with your neighbor today bring "a harvest of righteousness" tomorrow? \_\_\_\_\_