

JAMES

LEARNING AND LIVING A FAITH THAT WORKS

Week 7

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The main theme for our series is
James 1:4b ESV

That you may be perfect (mature) and
complete, lacking in nothing.



True Wisdom Comes From God

James 3:13-18 NLT

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Philippians 2:3-4 NIV

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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Sincere - Without hypocrisy and done with alternative motives.

IV. The Harvest

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Earthly wisdom reaps confusion and evil. Heavenly wisdom reaps peace and righteousness.

