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James names 7 attributes of true wisdom in verse 17. Go through each one and explore what it means and what it practically looks like when lived out.

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