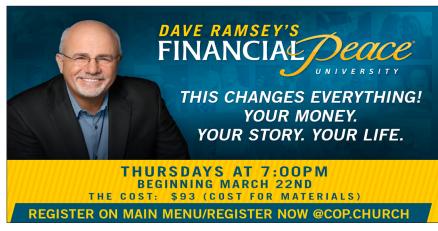
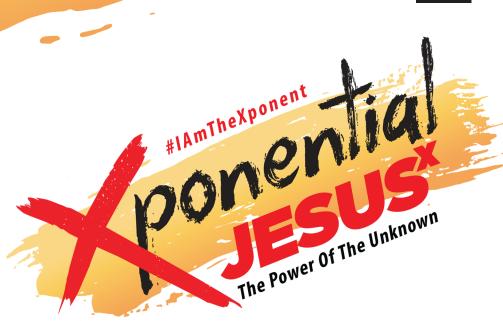




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WEEK FIVE: EXPONENTS OF WISDOM Part 2

## INTRODUCTION

As exponents (disciples) of Christ, we exist to duplicate and multiply the life and character of Christ to the world around us. Peace and wisdom are characteristics of Christ that our world desperately needs to see increase exponentially and as we will learn today, are intrinsically connected.

# **WISDOM'S CHILDREN**

In Luke 7:35 Jesus states, "Yet wisdom is vindicated by her children." This means that even though there are those who observe the works and ways of the Lord as **foolish**, the end result will give **proof** that the ways of the Lord are right and far above that of the world. This wisdom is provided to us by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:6-16), amounting to the mind of Christ.

# **COMPARING WISDOM**

James 3:13-18

In James' letter to the church a reference similar to that of Jesus regarding wisdom is given, "Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom." (James. 3:13). He then goes on to describe the difference between worldly wisdom and Godly wisdom.

Although Godly wisdom is available to us, even believers are capable of **spreading** the wrong kind of wisdom. The key to discerning between the two is

recognizing the **source**. Are you submitted to the flesh or the Holy Spirit? Whatever you submit to is what you are ultimately an exponent of (James 4:7). To truly be exponents of God's wisdom, we must be committed to receiving from the God of wisdom.

WORLDLY WISDOM	GODLY WISDOM
<b>SOURCE:</b> earthly, natural, demonic	<b>SOURCE:</b> the thoughts of God, the Holy Spirit
<b>CHILDREN:</b> bitter jealousy, selfish ambition, arrogance, lying against truthdemonic	CHILDREN: pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy, good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy

There are distinct differences between the wisdom of the world and that of God that can be clearly seen by their children (outcomes).

# **WISDOM & PEACE**

The information from our experiences, flesh and *emotions*, don't always amount to wisdom and good results. But the wisdom of God ALWAYS brings about the will of God and *peaceable* outcomes (James. 3:17-18, Proverbs 3:5-8, 13-26). To be exponents of PEACE we must be exponents of WISDOM. Not everyone will understand or agree with the actions, but [Godly] wisdom will be vindicated [proven right] by all her children [peaceable outcomes].

