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The Book of James

Two Kinds of Wisdom

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James 3:13-18

WHO IS WISE?

- The wise and understanding leaders are the ones whose **ACTIONS** match the **COMMANDS** of God.
- True wisdom results in **HUMILITY** and good **DEEDS**.

Romans 3:23, Proverbs 9:10

COUNTERFEIT WISDOM

Selfish Ambition has **FISTS** up in the air. Vain conceit has **NOSE** up in the air.

1. Earthbound wisdom operates **INDEPENDENT** from God.
2. Unspiritual wisdom lacks the life of the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

Matthew 5:45, James 1:5

3. Demonic wisdom is **OPPOSED** to God.

TRUE WISDOM

1. Wisdom that is pure is **SINGLE-MINDED**.
 2. Wisdom that is peace-loving is peace-**MAKING**.
- 1 Corinthians 1:23, Romans 12:8*
3. Wisdom that is considerate does not **ABUSE** its **POSITION** of power.
 4. Wisdom that is submissive is **TRUSTING** and easily **PERSUADED**.
 5. Wisdom that is “full of mercy” and “good fruits” is the **OVERFLOW** of mercy you’ve received.
 6. Wisdom that is impartial and sincere is single-minded and without **HYPOCRISY**.

JESUS CHRIST is the wisdom of God!

1 Corinthians 1:23, Proverbs 3:13-15

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¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.