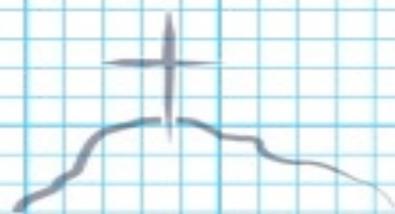


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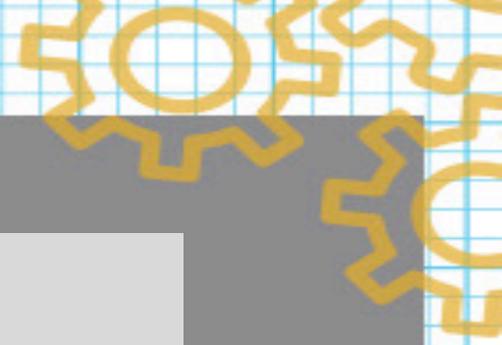
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# Faith Tested by Wisdom

James 3:13-18

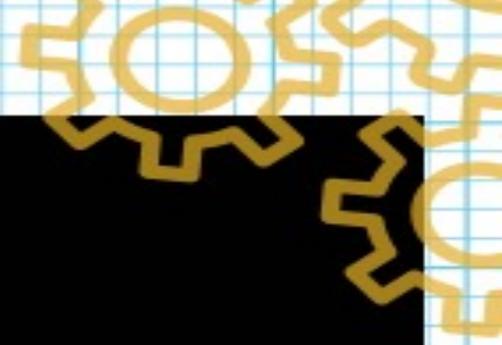


*“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.”*

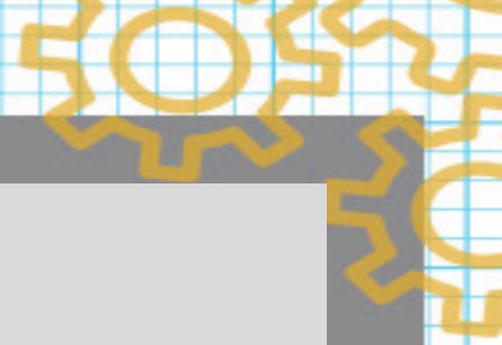
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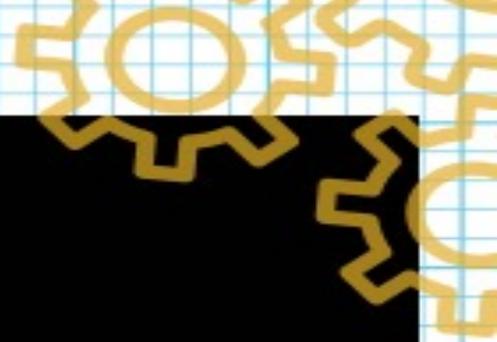
*“Wisdom begins  
in the best question!”*



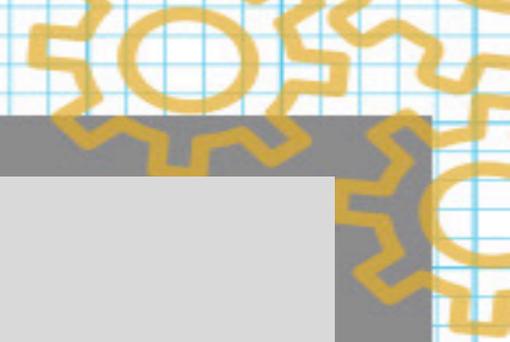
*Prov 2:6 “For the LORD gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge  
and understanding.”*

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James 3:13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

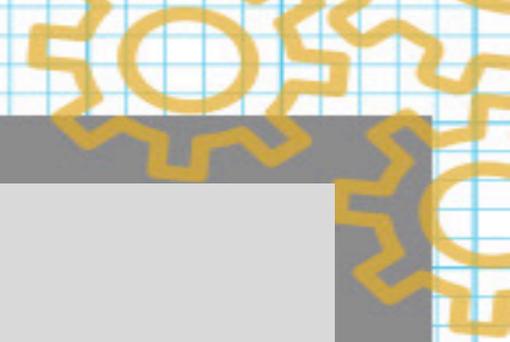


# Faith Tested by Wisdom 13

- 'wise' and 'understanding' –
- What in their life shows that they believe it?
- Wise = good enough for it to be my conduct!
- Who do you want to be like late in life?
- Works done in 'meekness of wisdom'

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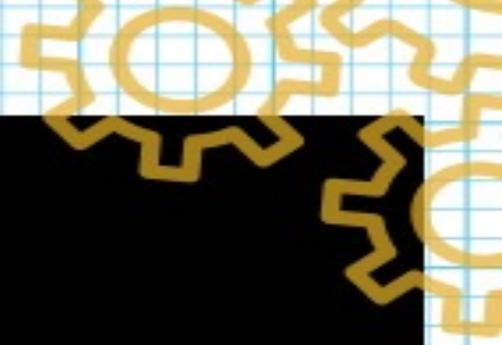


*“No mind, no wisdom-  
-temporary mind, temporary wisdom-  
-eternal mind, eternal wisdom.”*

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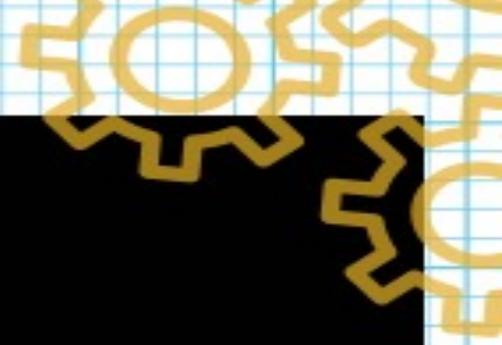
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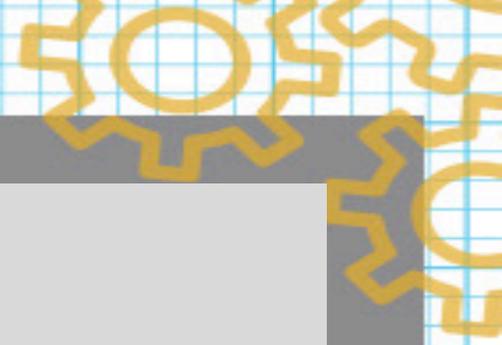
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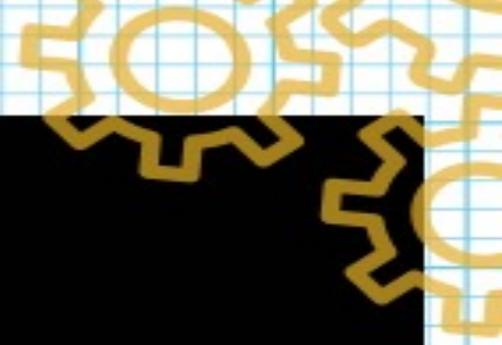
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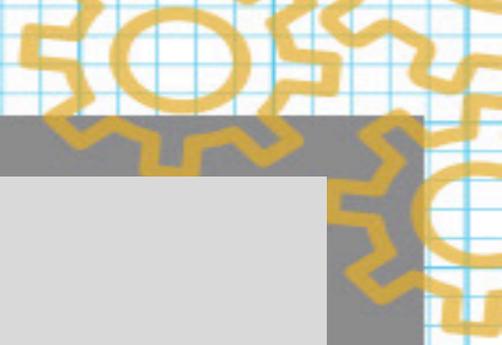
*Prov 11:2 “When pride comes,  
then comes disgrace,  
but with humility comes wisdom.”*

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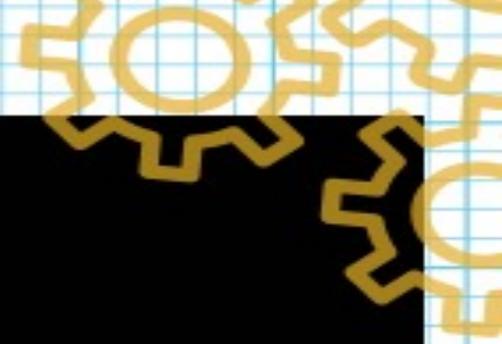


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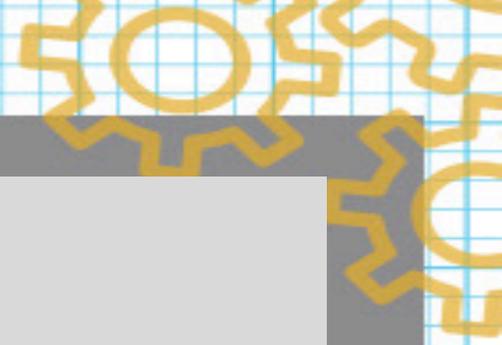
# Character of Wisdom 14-17

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Php 2:3

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves;

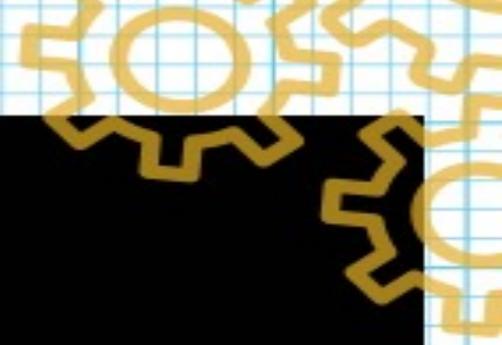


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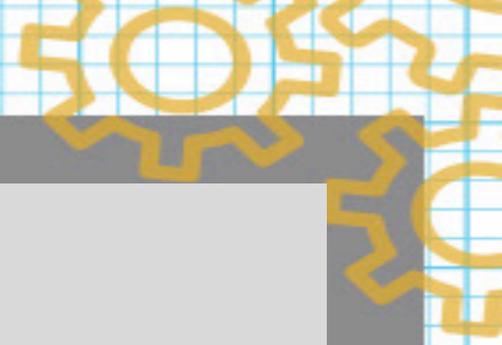
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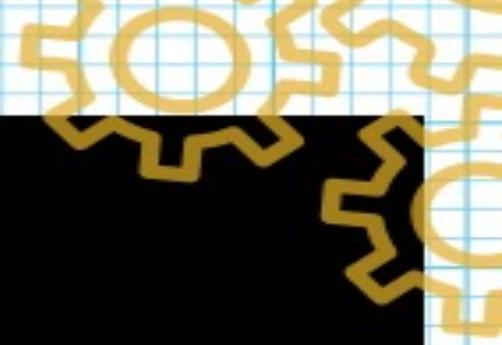
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*“There is nothing more foolish than an act of wickedness; there is no wisdom equal to that of obeying God.”* Albert Barnes

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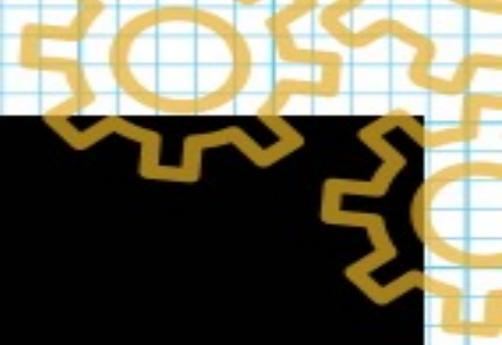
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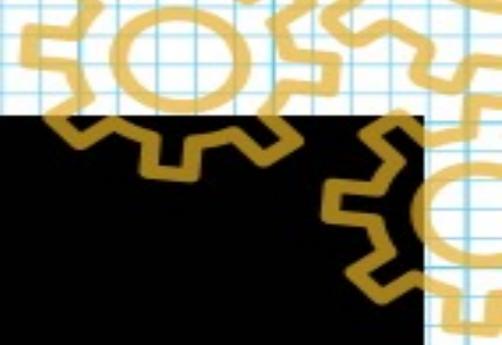
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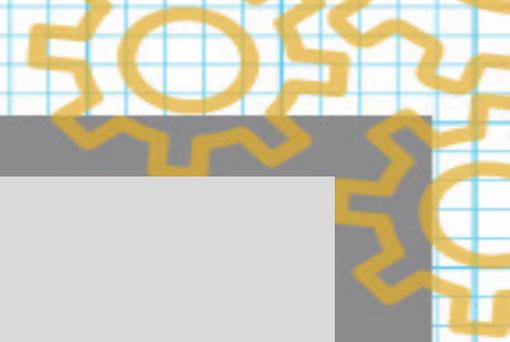
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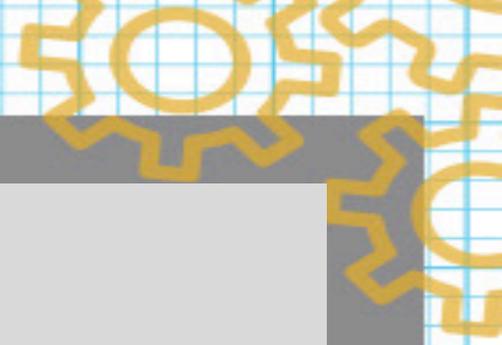


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# Creator of Wisdom 15-17

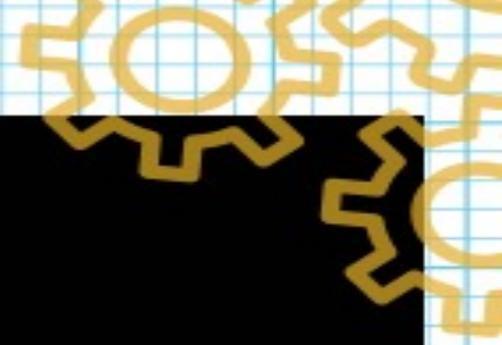
- Wisdom from above – heavenly
- Wisdom earthly – natural – demonic
- How can you tell? Vs 16 ‘jealousy’ or ‘selfish’
- God’s wisdom has His character!
- God’s wisdom is from His source - Scripture
- God’s wisdom produces His fruits - disciples



*“The chief means for attaining wisdom, and suitable gifts for the ministry, are the Holy Scriptures, and prayer.”* John Newton

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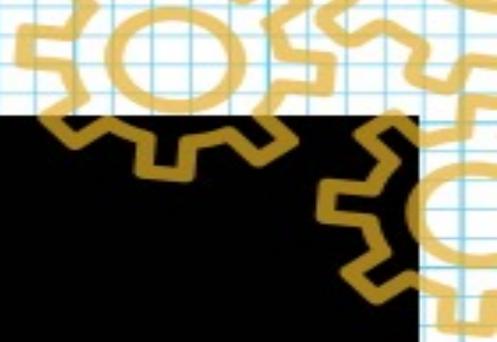
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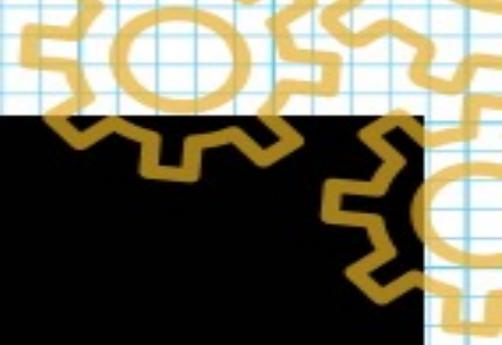
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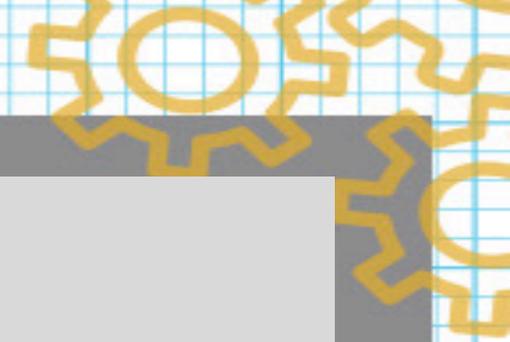
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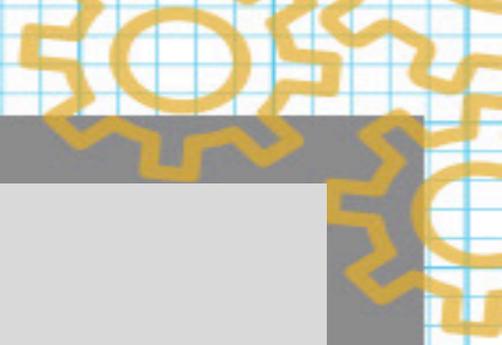


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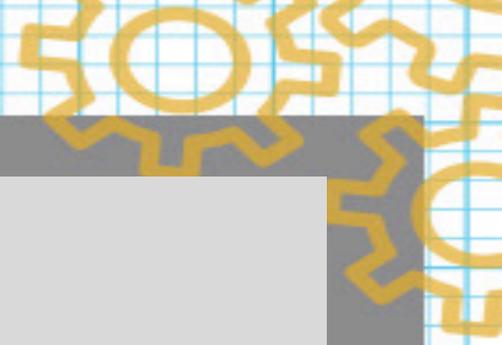
- ‘impartial’ – I don’t want something
- ‘free of hypocrisy’ – I don’t show something
- I am not thinking to my advantage – reveal!
- I am not showing to my advantage – conceal!
- See Christ in me – Send you in Christ!

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***Prov 16:16 “How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!”***

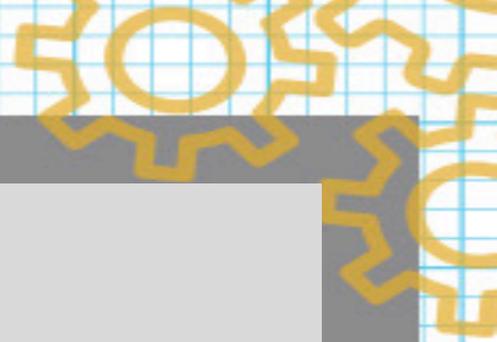


# Conduct of Wisdom 16-18

- Servant minded – what can I do?
- Servant motivated – who can I please?
- Servant model – who is my example?
- Peace makers are the peace models

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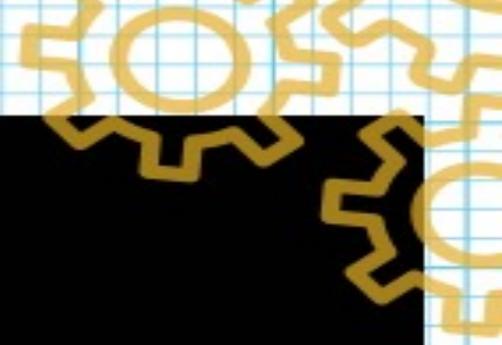
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*“Perfect goodness can never debate about the end to be attained, and perfect wisdom cannot debate about the means most suited to achieve it.” C.S. Lewis*

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*“Patience is the companion of wisdom.”*  
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