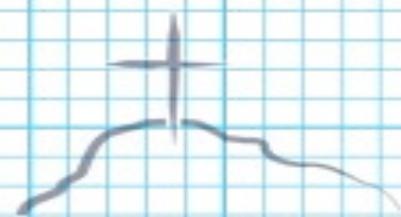


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Faith Tested by Wisdom

James 3:13-18

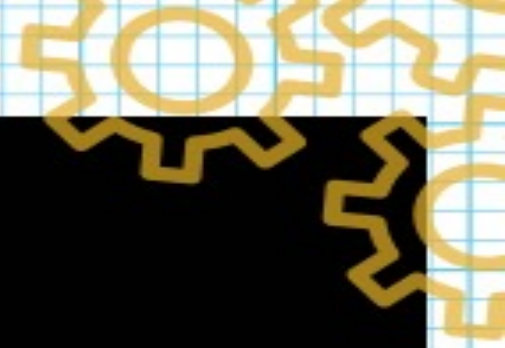


“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.”

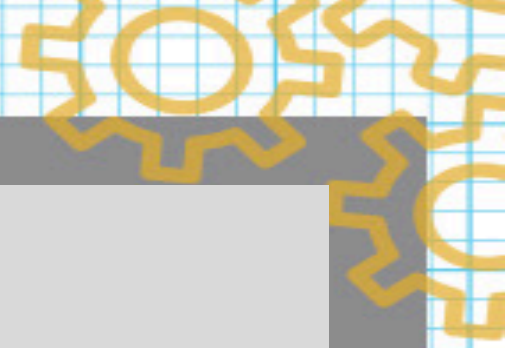
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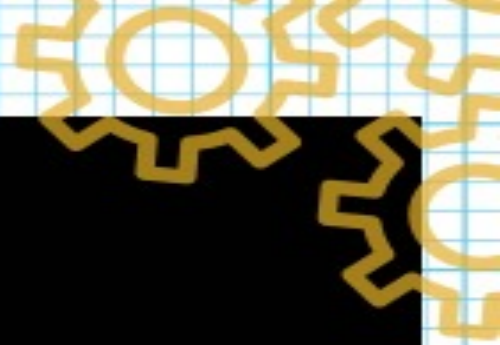
*“Wisdom begins
in the best question!”*



*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.



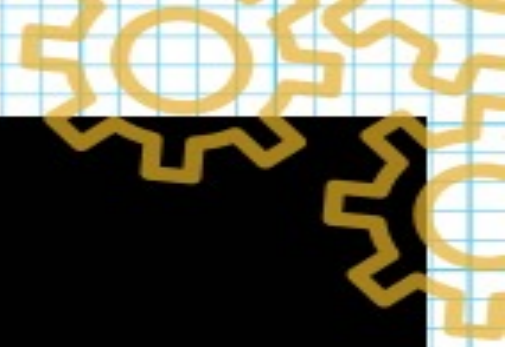
Faith Tested by Wisdom 13

- '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'

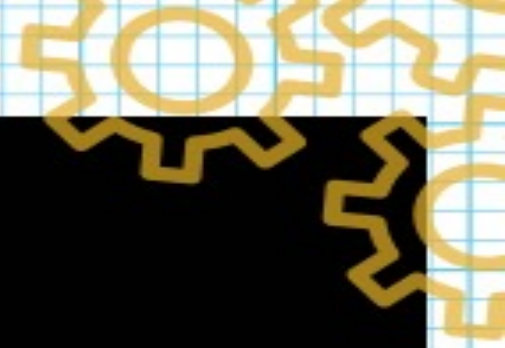


*“No mind, no wisdom-
-temporary mind, temporary wisdom-
-eternal mind, eternal wisdom.”*

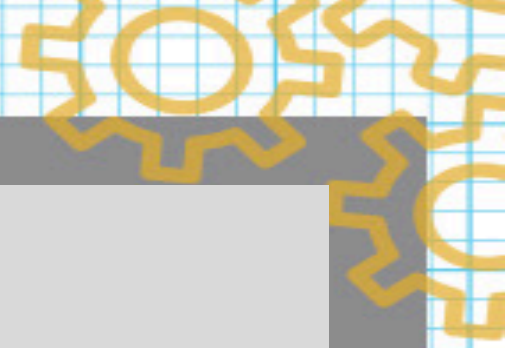
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14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.



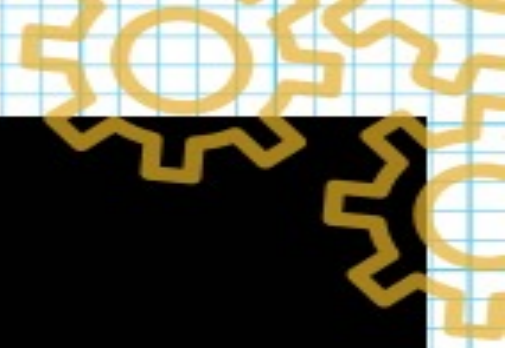
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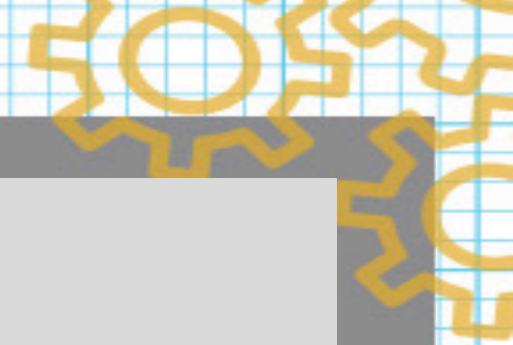
*Prov 11:2 “When pride comes,
then comes disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.”*

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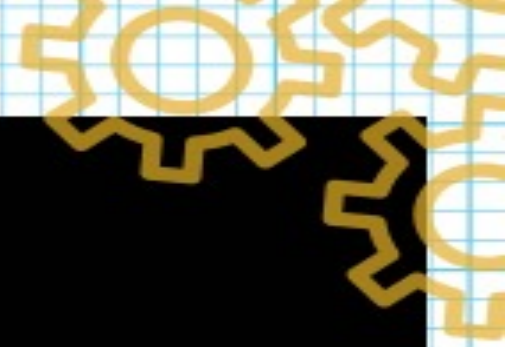


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- Gathering power not empowering!
- Boasting is coasting!
- Envy – misdirected desire – ‘zeal’
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Php 2:3

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

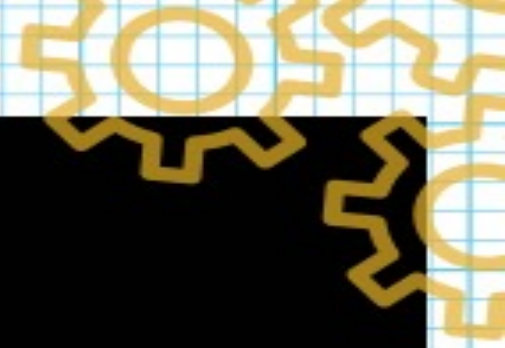


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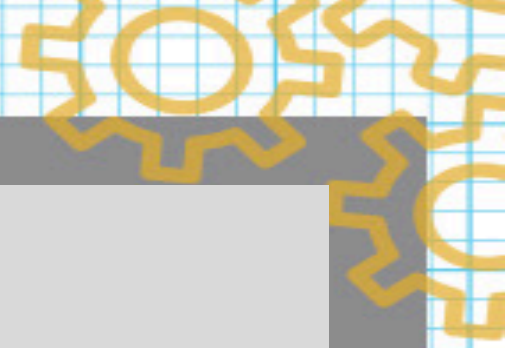
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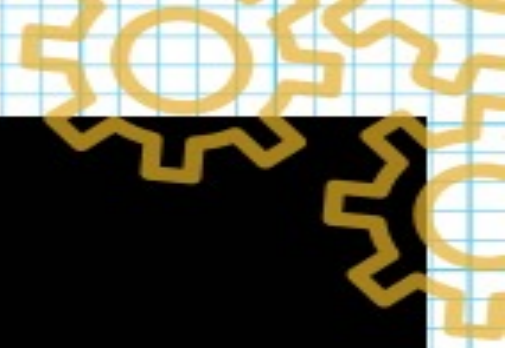
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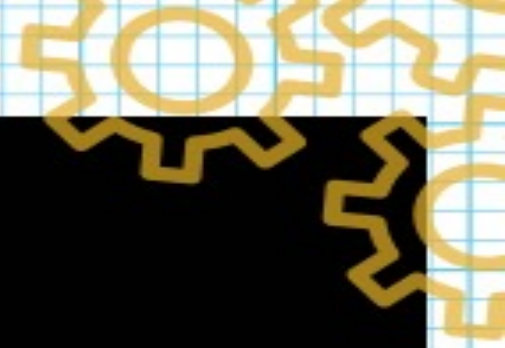
“There is nothing more foolish than an act of wickedness; there is no wisdom equal to that of obeying God.” Albert Barnes



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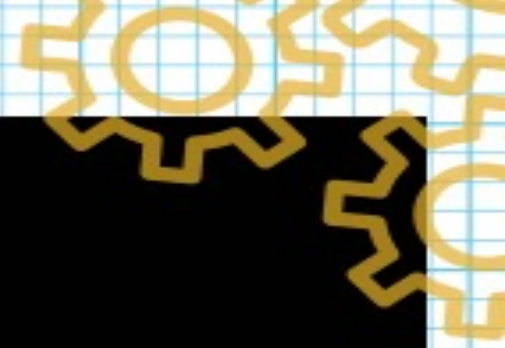
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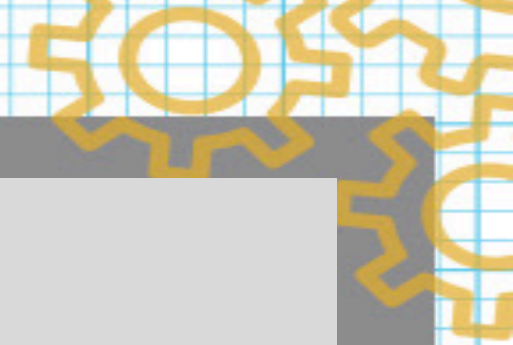
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Creator of Wisdom 15-17

- 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

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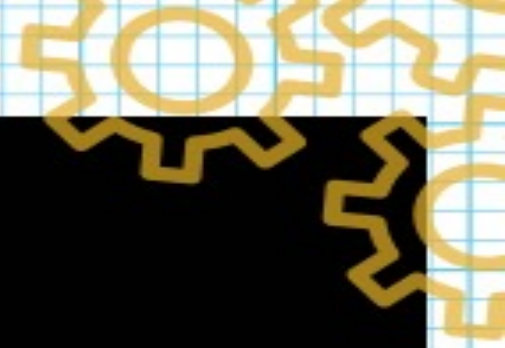
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“The chief means for attaining wisdom, and suitable gifts for the ministry, are the Holy Scriptures, and prayer.” John Newton

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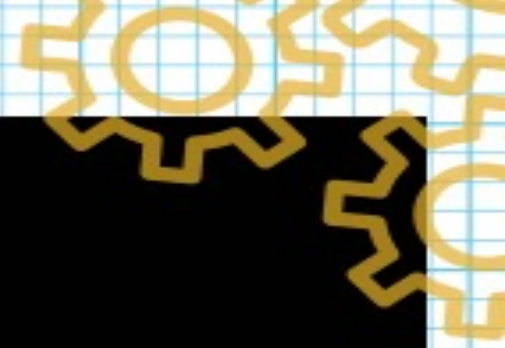
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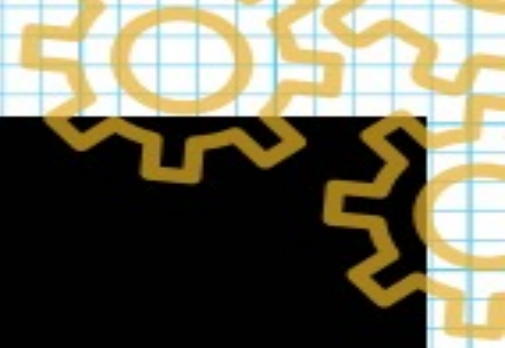
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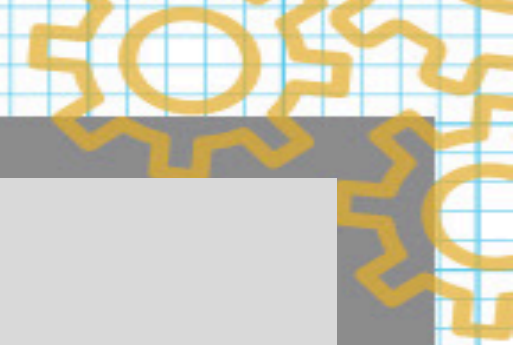
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18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

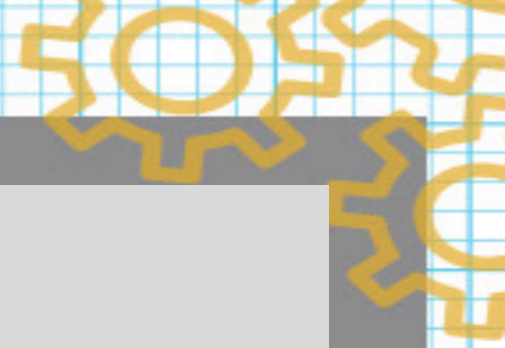


Conduct of Wisdom 16-18

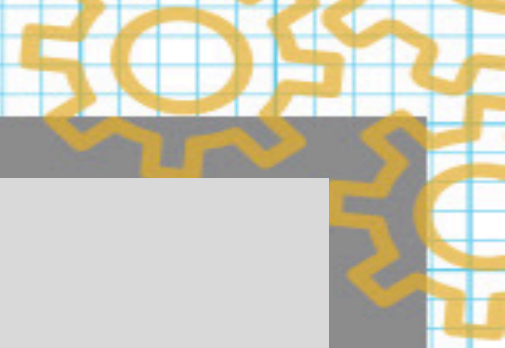
- ‘impartial’ – I don’t want something
- ‘free of hypocrisy’ – I don’t show something
- I am not thinking to my advantage – reveal!
- I am not showing to my advantage – conceal!
- See Christ in me – Send you in Christ!

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



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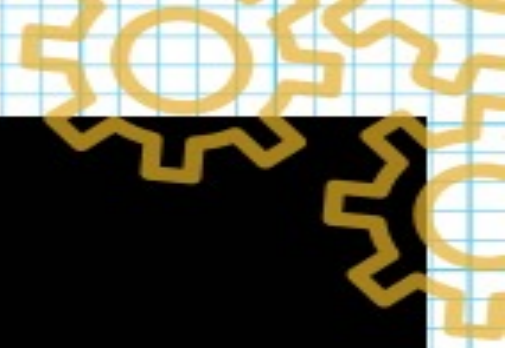
- Servant minded – what can I do?
- Servant motivated – who can I please?
- Servant model – who is my example?
- Peace makers are the peace models



“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.”
Augustine

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