

TWO KINDS OF WISDOM



JAMES 3:13-18



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James 3:13–18 (NIV) — 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.

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Two Qualities To Strive For Wisdom & Understanding

- **Proverbs 8:11 (NIV)** — 11 for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.
- **Proverbs 16:16 (NIV)** — 16 How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight (understanding) rather than silver!

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Wisdom Belongs To God

- **Job 12:13 (NIV)** — 13 “To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.

Wisdom Describes God

- **Romans 11:33–34 (NIV)** — 33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”
- **Proverbs 3:19 (NIV)** — 19 By wisdom the LORD laid the earth’s foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place;

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When We Begin To Know And Experience God -- His Wisdom Comes Into Our Lives

- **Job 28:28 (NIV)** — 28 And he said to (man) the human race, “The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”

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Two Types Of Wisdom. Godly Wisdom And Worldly Wisdom

- **Proverbs 3:13 (NIV)** — 13 Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,
- **Proverbs 4:7 (NIV)** — 7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

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Godly Wisdom Produces People Who Are Called Wise

Worldly Wisdom Produces People Who Are Called Fools.

- **Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)** — 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Godly Wisdom Produces A Life Filled With Eternal Blessing

Worldly Wisdom Produces A Life That Is Void Of Blessing

- **Proverbs 12:15 (NIV)** — 15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

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Godly Wisdom Will Set You Free

Worldly Wisdom Will Put You Into Bondage.

- **Proverbs 26:11 (NIV)** — 11 As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly.

Godly Wisdom Will Give Your Life Ultimate Satisfaction

Worldly Wisdom Will Bring Discontentment And Lifelessness.

- **Hosea 14:9 (NIV)** — 9 Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

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Signs Of Wisdom & Understanding Are: A Good Life, Good Deeds, & Humility

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- **James 3:14 (NIV)** — 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

The Enemies Of Acquiring Wisdom & Understanding Are: Bitter Envy & Selfish Ambition

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- **James 3:15 (NIV)** — 15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

The World's Wisdom Is Earthly, Unspiritual, Of The Devil

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- **James 3:16 (NIV) — 16** For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

The Results Of Man's Wisdom: Disorder & Every Evil Practice

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- **(James 3:17 NIV)** 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.

Results Of God's Wisdom: Purity, Peace-loving, Considerate, Submissive, Full Of Mercy, Full Of Good Fruit, Impartial, Sincere

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