THE WISDOM FROM ABOVE

JAMES 3:13-18

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- ***Wisdom is:*** ***The Ability To See The Proper Perspective In Life's Trials***

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James 3:13–16 (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.

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James 3:17–18 (NIV) — 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 Qualaties 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 Can Be Described As The Ability To Size-Up Life's Circumstances And Situations And Then To Respond By Making The Right Decisions

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- ***Signs Of Wisdom & Understanding:***
  - **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.

- ***Enemies Of Wisdom & Understanding:***
  - **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

- ***Enemies Of Wisdom Are:***
  - **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.

- ***Results Of Man's Wisdom:***
  - **Disorder**
  - **Every Evil Practice**

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No God = No Wisdom

Know God = Know Wisdom

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What Decisions Are Pleasing to God?

- ***Decisions*** that He initiates
- ***Decisions*** that line up with His Word
- ***Decisions*** that accomplish His purpose
- ***Decisions*** that depend on His strength

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What Decisions Are Pleasing to God?

- ***Decisions*** that result in giving Him glory
- ***Decisions*** that promote justice, kindness, and humility
- ***Decisions*** that reflect His character
- ***Decisions*** that come from faith
- ***Decisions*** *that consider the interests of others*
- ***Decisions*** *that are bathed in prayer*

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James 3:17 (NIV) — 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. ***Results Of God's Wisdom:***

- **Purity / Peace-Loving / Considerate/ Submissive / Full Of Mercy / Full Of Good Fruit/ Impartial / Sincere**

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Godly Wisdom Is: Pure

Godly Wisdom Is: Peace-loving

Godly Wisdom Is: Considerate

Godly Wisdom Is: Submissive

Godly Wisdom Is: Full Of Mercy and Good Fruit

Godly Wisdom Is: Impartial

Godly Wisdom Is: Sincere

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James 3:18 (NIV) — 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

- ***<u>The Fruit Of God's Wisdom:</u>***
  - **Peacemakers Reap A Harvest Of Righteousness**

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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

- *The Wise*
- *Eternal Blessing*
- *Freedom*
- *Satisfaction*

Worldly Wisdom Produces:

- *The Fool*
- *Void of Blessing*
- *Bondage*
- *Discontent*

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