

Wisdom & Conduct

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I. Growing Up

II. Sources Of Wisdom

James 3:13-18

v. 13-14

Motives & Deeds

v. 15-16

False Wisdom From Below

v. 17-18

True Wisdom From Above

III. Being Mature

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

Propaganda, deception & fake news are not modern inventions. Human beings have always had to choose between godly wisdom from above & worldly wisdom from below. The choice is critical because human behavior flows from the truths that one accepts or rejects.

Because belief directs action, it is essential that one's source of wisdom be trustworthy. True wisdom comes from God—it brings peace to the recipient & fosters unity in society. False wisdom comes from the fallen world—it leads to disorder & breeds division between individuals & in communities.

The contrast between the two kinds of wisdom is clear: the former has the power to strengthen, purify & preserve while the latter is destined to fail & fade away. Those who desire to grow & mature in the Lord must be intentional about accepting wisdom that is true & rejecting that which is false.

Which kind of wisdom is shaping your worldview, guiding your actions & affecting your relationships? Are you regularly taking in the truth of God's Word & comparing your life to the standards & principles contained therein? Moreover, are you committed to the skillful, ongoing communication of wisdom from above to those around you who do not yet know the Lord?

Prayerfully assess the relationship between wisdom & conduct in your life. Ask God to reveal if your conduct is congruent with the truths & standards communicated in His Word. Ask Him to increase your hunger for wisdom from above & to break any fascination or compulsion you may have toward wisdom from below. Commit to be more diligent in pursuing maturity & consistency in your relationship with Him.