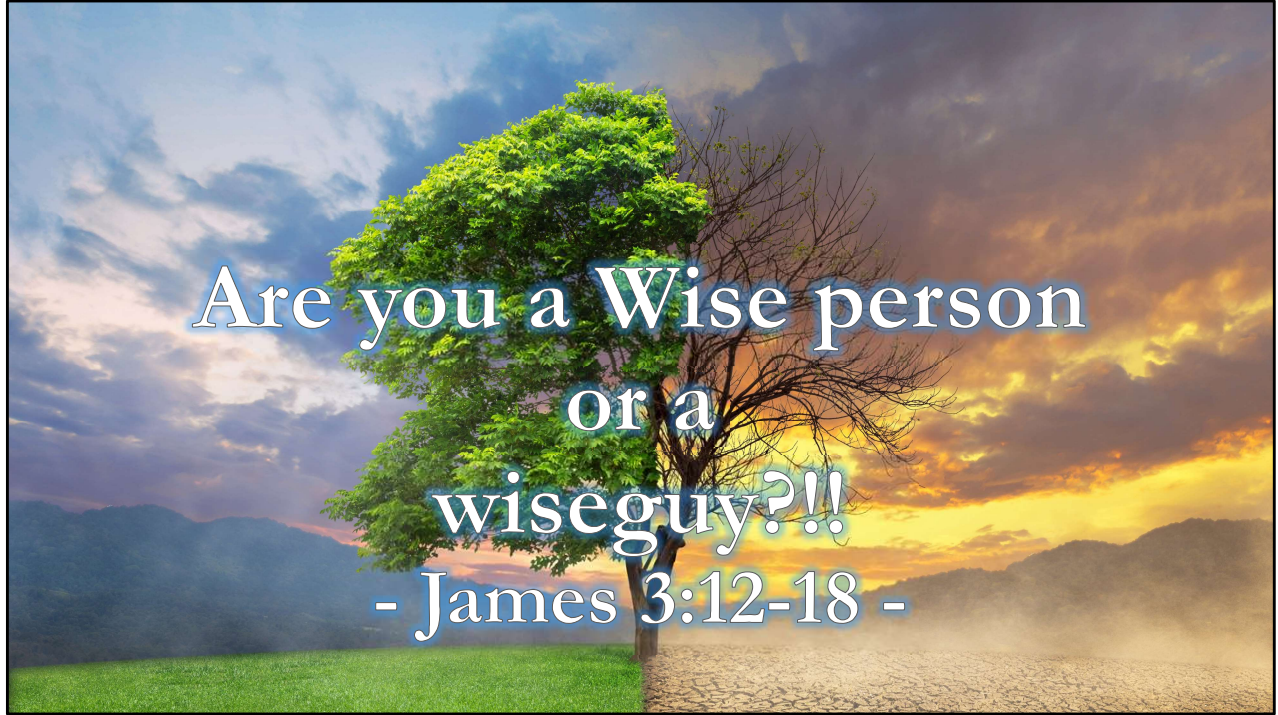


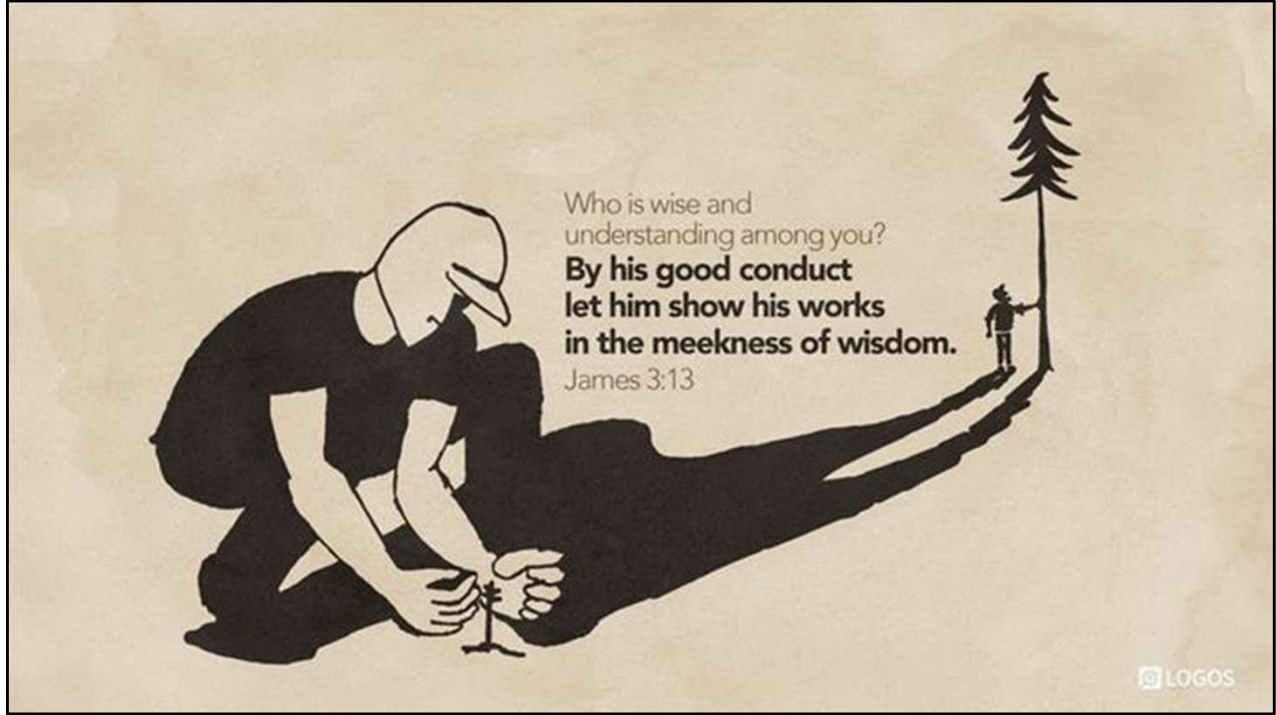
Faith
Without
Works

Is
Dead

A Study in the Book of James



**Are you a Wise person or a wiseguy?! Smartaleck, Mobster mafia
Ja.3:12-18**



Good conduct = way of life, behavior

Time is an essential and significant measure of character!

Who is wise and understanding among you?

James 3:13

Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

Humility that comes from Wisdom

Wisdom = Sophia!

- James 1:5 - But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
- James 3:13 - Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

Wisdom makes a comeback! Especially with the tongue!

ἐπιστήμων epistemology - the theory of knowledge, especially with regard to its methods, validity, and scope. Epistemology is the investigation of what distinguishes justified belief from opinion.

“Understanding” is key to wisdom! You can understand the science of how a nuclear bomb is made, You need to understand when if ever it should be used! That’s where you need God!

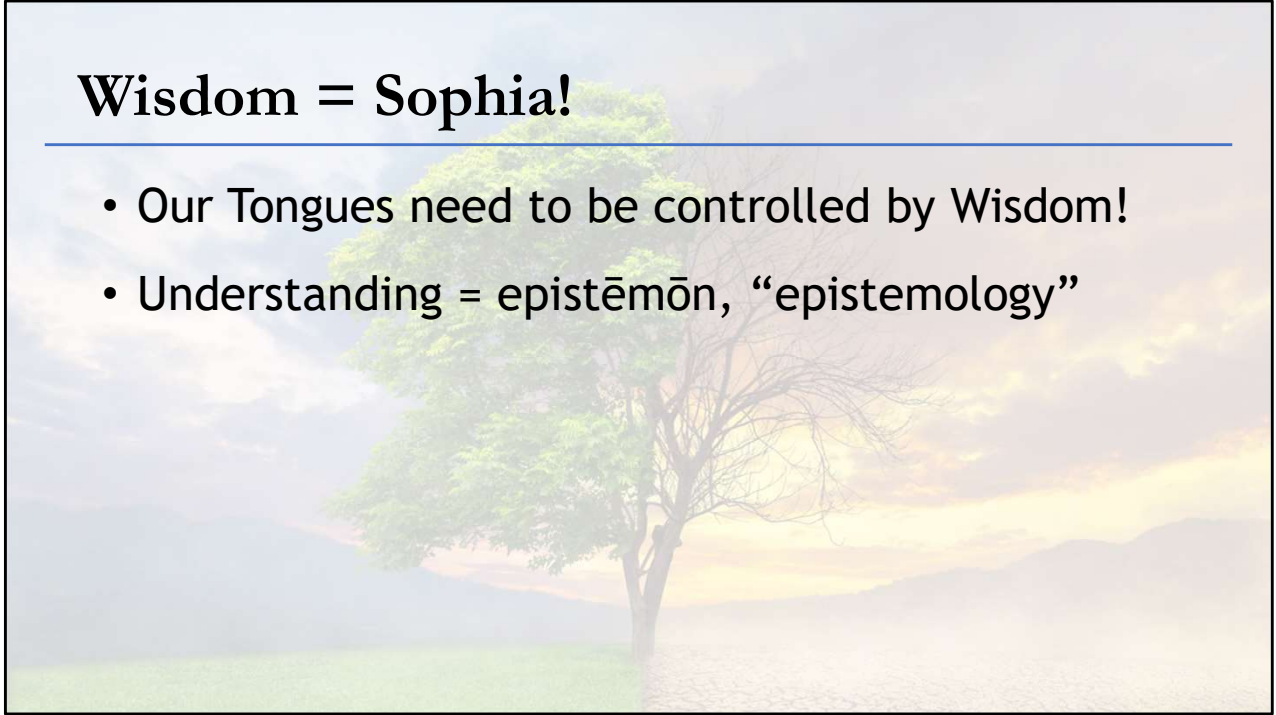
Jas 1:5-8 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 [being] a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

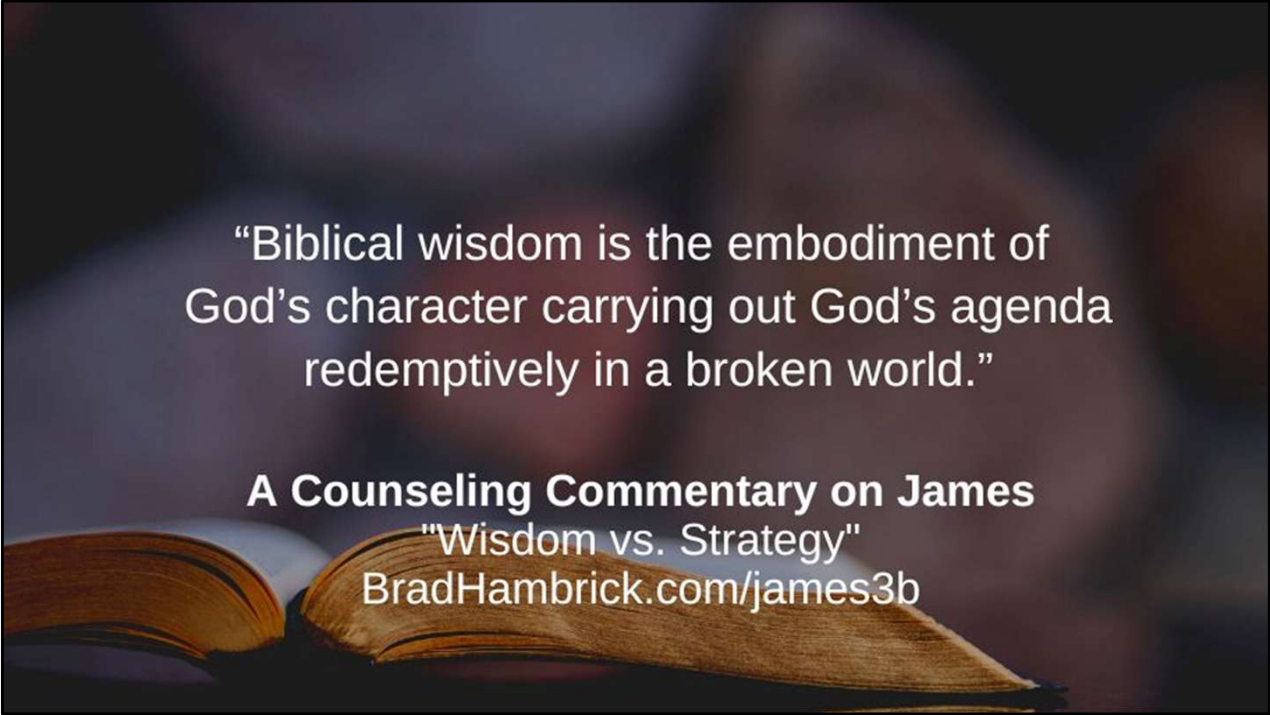
Jas 1:16-18 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers [and sisters.] 17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. 18 In the exercise of His will He gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of

first fruits among His creatures.

Wisdom = Sophia!

- Our Tongues need to be controlled by Wisdom!
- Understanding = epistēmōn, “epistemology”





“Biblical wisdom is the embodiment of
God’s character carrying out God’s agenda
redemptively in a broken world.”

A Counseling Commentary on James

“Wisdom vs. Strategy”
BradHambrick.com/james3b

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Imagine you’re in a group for overcoming anger. The group facilitator starts your meeting with the question, “Who is the strongest person in the world?” A few people roll their eyes at this hokey ice breaker, but still participate. Some do a quick web search for famous weightlifters and offer a few names. For a laugh, someone guesses Jesus. As a longshot, someone else guesses the current most famous athlete. The group leader doesn’t seem satisfied with any of the answers. Once no one else has a guess, the leader says, “The person who can control their tongue.” The leader is defining *power* as *the ability to curtail destruction* and identifying the tongue as the source of the most life disruption. That is, in effect, what James does in this passage. He is going to redefine a key term: wisdom. In James 1:5, we were asked to pray for wisdom. In these verses, we will learn a lot more about what we should expect to happen within us as God answers our prayer.

In effect, James says, “I’m not looking for a high IQ - intelligence quotient. I’m looking for a high CQ - character quotient.” James is going to help us see that the best way to measure biblical wisdom isn’t with a theology quiz but with a

character assessment.

Let's contextualize this point for the original readers of this letter. They were asked to pray for wisdom (1:5) as they navigated harsh circumstances (1:2) that created intense strife between them (4:1-6). In this context, it wouldn't be enough for "faith" to be mere positivity, and "wisdom" had to be more than theological accuracy. Unless their faith and wisdom changed their actions and character these believers would continue to flounder in a foreign land and it would be "worthless" (1:26).

It may catch us off guard that the first (i.e., utmost) quality of biblical wisdom is that it is "pure" (v. 17). We might be prone to think intelligent, cunning, strategic, quick-witted, or decisive. James reminds us that any wisdom that can be trusted must be pure; otherwise, ulterior motives will make that wisdom as much threat as blessing.

After establishing purity as the head from which the river of wisdom flows, James provides a list of other qualities that verify someone's wisdom is "from above" (v. 17): peaceable, gentle, open to reason, and full of mercy and good fruits. These traits are tangible verifications that someone's counsel is in line with biblical wisdom.

If someone is contentious, harsh, close-minded, or judgmental, their words - regardless of their intelligence - are not wise. Notice that the last term on this part of the list is full of good fruits. This is often where we start: "Did we get the desired results?" We assume if the answer is yes, then the words were wise and the person speaking had God's blessing.

Many abusive parents have justified bad parenting with this misstructured logic: "My child quit misbehaving didn't they?" Many unfit leaders have justified their tactics by making good fruit the primary quality: "The business or church is growing isn't it?" James refused to put results either first or last (the positions of primacy and emphasis) on this list. Yes, it's on the list, but its at the back of the middle of the list.

[Pro 19:1 NASB20] 1 Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity Than a person who is perverse in speech and is a fool.

Show it! Prove it!

- James 2:18 - But someone may [well] say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”
- James 3:13 - Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

Let him show G1166 δείξάτω δεικνύω deiknyō Give evidence, Proof

Prove, 10x in James

[Jas 1:22 NASB20] 22 But **prove** yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves.

[Jas 1:12, 22, 25 NASB20] 12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been[G1096] approved, he will receive the crown of life which [the Lord] has promised to those who love Him. ... 22 But prove[G1096] yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves. ... 25 But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the [law] of freedom, and has continued [in it,] not having become[G1096] a forgetful hearer but an active doer, this person will be blessed in what he does.

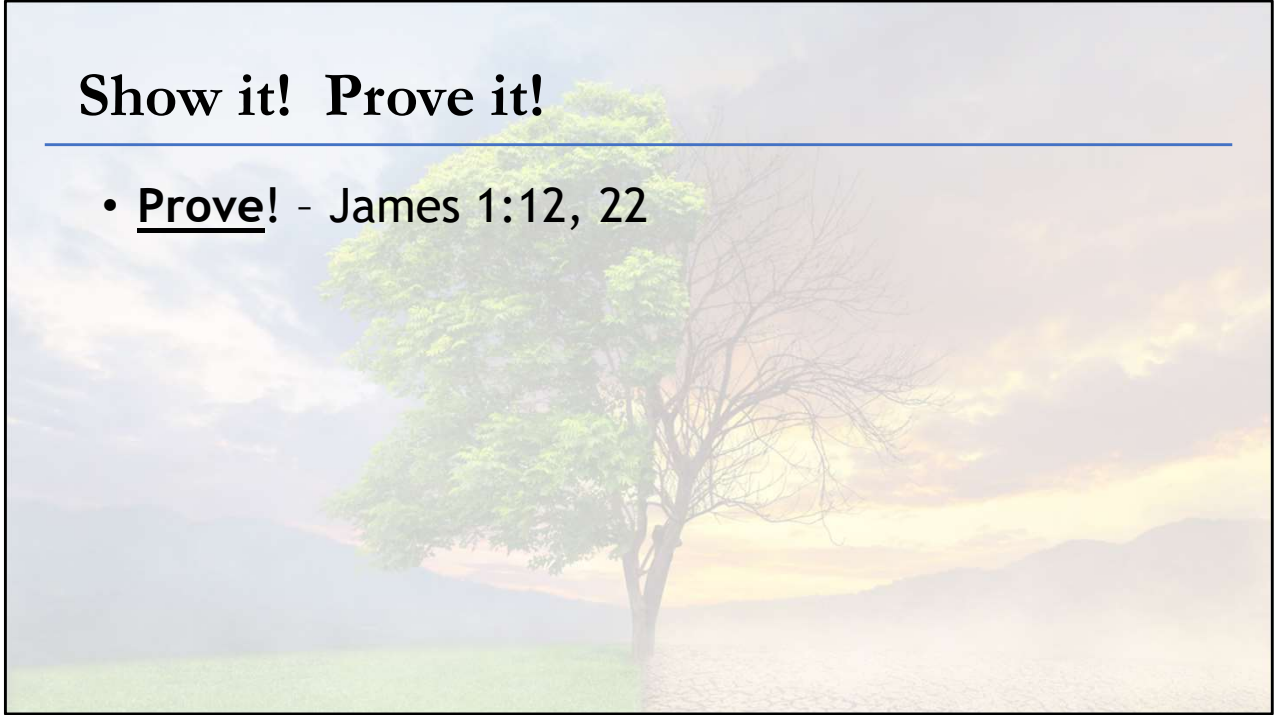
[Jas 2:4, 10-11 NASB20] 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become[G1096] judges with evil motives? ... 10 For whoever keeps the whole Law, yet stumbles in one [point,] has become[G1096] guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do murder, you have become[G1096] a violator of the Law. [Jas 3:1, 9-10 NASB20] 1 Do not become[G1096] teachers in large numbers, my

brothers, since you know that we [who are teachers] will incur a stricter judgment. ... 9 With it we bless [our] Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have **been[G1096] made[G1096]** in the likeness of God; 10 from the same mouth come [both] blessing and cursing. My brothers [and sisters,] these things should not be this way.

[Jas 5:2 NASB20] 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments have **become[G1096]** moth-eaten.

Show it! Prove it!

- Prove! - James 1:12, 22



Simple Truths To Live By



J a m e s 3 : 1 3

**Who is wise and understanding among you?
let him show by good conduct that his works
are done in the meekness of wisdom.**

Its NOT how many books you've read, but how well the 1 book is in you!

Your Way of Life

- Good Behavior = way of life, conduct, behavior
- “Deeds’, “ergon” 15x in James, “works”, “Doer”
- Gentleness, peace, pure, reasonable, not “selfish”
- Romans 12:18 - “If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people.”
 - Hebrews 12:14, 1 Thessalonians 4:11

Deeds, Ergon (ergonomics)

[Jas 1:4, 25 NASB20] 4 And let endurance have [its] perfect result[G2041], so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ... 25 But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the [law] of freedom, and has continued [in it,] not having become a forgetful hearer but an active[G2041] doer, this person will be blessed in what he does.

[Jas 2:14, 17-18, 20-22, 24-26 NASB20] 14 What use is it, my brothers [and sisters,] if someone says he has faith, but he has no works[G2041]? Can that faith save him? ... 17 In the same way, faith also, if it has no works[G2041], is dead, [being] by itself. 18 But someone may [well] say, "You have faith and I have works[G2041]; show me your faith without the works[G2041], and I will show you my faith by my works[G2041]." ... 20 But are you willing to acknowledge, you foolish person, that faith without works[G2041] is useless? 21 Was our father Abraham not justified by works[G2041] when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was working with his works[G2041], and as a result of the works[G2041], faith was perfected; ... 24 You see that a person is justified by works[G2041] and not by faith alone. 25 In the same way, was Rahab the prostitute not justified by works[G2041] also when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For just as the body without [the] spirit is dead, so also faith without works[G2041] is dead.

[Jas 3:13 NASB20] 13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds[G2041] in the gentleness of wisdom.

Not from Within

Be true to yourself

You be You!

Always let your conscience be your guide

My truth

Follow your heart!

[Rom 12:18 NASB20] 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people.

[Rom 12:16-21 NASB20] 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. 17 Never repay evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all people. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath [of God,] for it is written: "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. 20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

[Rom 14:17, 19 NASB20] 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ... 19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

[Psa 120:7 NASB20] 7 I am [for] peace, but when I speak, They are for war.

[Mat 5:5, 9 NASB20] 5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth. ...
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

[2Co 13:11 NASB20] 11 Finally, brothers [and sisters,] rejoice, mend your ways, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

[Gal 5:22 NASB20] 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

[Eph 4:3 NASB20] 3 being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

[Col 3:14-15 NASB20] 14 In addition to all these things [put on] love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts; and be thankful.

[1Th 5:13 NASB20] 13 and that you regard them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

[2Ti 2:22 NASB20] 22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, [and] peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

[Heb 12:14 NASB20] 14 Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

[1Pe 3:11 NASB20] 11 "HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

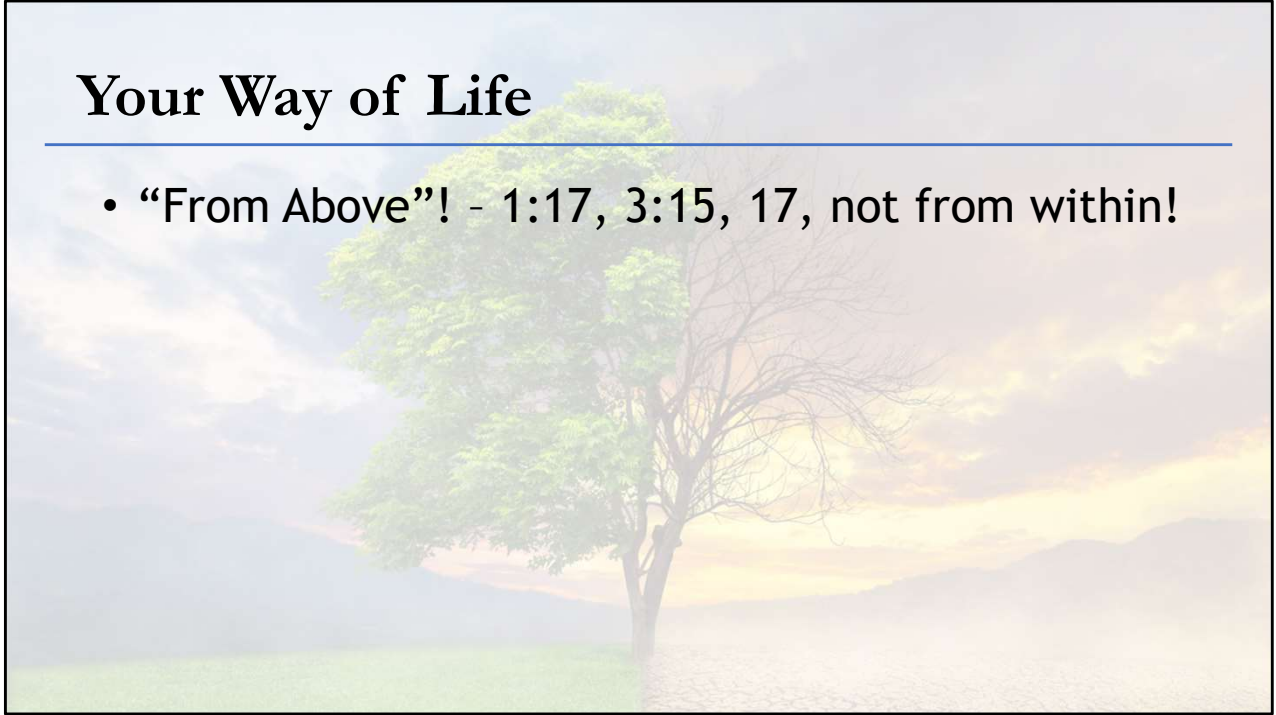
[1Th 4:11 NASB20] 11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own [business] and work with your hands, just as we instructed you,

[Pro 14:12 NASB20] 12 There is a way [which seems] right to a person, But its end is the way of death.

[Pro 16:25 NASB20] 25 There is a way [which seems] right to a person, But its end is the way of death.

Your Way of Life

- “From Above”! - 1:17, 3:15, 17, not from within!



HEAVENLY WISDOM VERSUS EARTHLY WISDOM JAMES 3:13-18	
HEAVENLY WISDOM	EARTHLY WISDOM
1. PURE 2. PEACEABLE 3. GENTLE 4. EASILY ENTREATED 5. FULL OF MERCY 6. FULL OF GOOD FRUIT 7. WITHOUT PARTIALITY 8. WITHOUT HYPOCRISY	1. BITTER ENVYING IN YOUR HEART 2. BITTER STRIFE IN YOUR HEART 3. PRIDEFUL 4. LYING 5. NOT FROM ABOVE 6. EARTHLY 7. SENSUAL 8. DEVILISH
The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.	Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

Contrasting the 2 types of trees

Earthly, Natural, Demonic, 3 front war!

1. World systems - Ephesians 6:12, 1 John 2:15-16, John 14:27, 30
2. Flesh (psychi) - Soul - 1 Corinthians 2:14, Matthew 11:29, 16:25

From Other groups of people around me (What we can see/discern) - Illuminati, Axis of Evil, Teachers unions, GLADD, CCP Chinese, Davos, DNC, New world order, Soros, Qanon...**Ja.1:27 keep oneself unstained [fn]by the world.**

From myself and my own internal impulses, drives and struggles (What we FEEL!), Ja.1:14-21 **[Jas 1:14 NASB20] 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.**

From the unseen spiritual world (what we can't see but sense, 6th sense) - **[Jas 2:19 NASB20] 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.**

Around, inside, up and down
Society, Self, Satan

Earthly 1919 ἐπίγειος epigeios

[2Co 5:1 NASB20] 1 For we know that if our earthly[G1919] tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.

[Phl 3:19 NASB20] 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is [their] appetite, and [whose] glory is in their shame, who have their minds on earthly[G1919] things[G1919].

[Eph 6:12 NASB20] 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but

against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.]

[1Jo 2:15-16 NASB20] 15 **Do not love the world nor the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

[Jhn 14:27, 30 NASB20] 27 "Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; **not as the world gives,** do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful. ... 30 "I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in [regard to] Me,

[Jhn 15:18-19 NASB20] 18 **"If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before** [it hated] you. 19 "If you were of the world, the world would love [you as] its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

[Jhn 16:8 NASB20] 8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment:

Flesh psychi

[1Co 2:14 NASB20] 14 **But a natural[G5591] person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

[Jde 1:19 NASB20] 19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded[G5591], devoid of the Spirit.

[Mat 10:28, 39 NASB20] 28 "And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul[G5590]; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul[G5590] and body in hell. ... 39 "The one who has found his life[G5590] will lose it, and the one who has lost his life[G5590] on My account will find it.

[Mat 11:29 NASB20] 29 **"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS[G5590].**

[Mat 16:25-26 NASB20] 25 "For whoever wants to save his life[G5590] will lose it; but whoever loses his life[G5590] for My sake will find it. 26 "For what good will it do a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul[G5590]? Or what will a person give in exchange for his soul[G5590]?"

[Mat 22:37 NASB20] 37 And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL[G5590], AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'

Demons

Earthly, Natural, Demonic, 3 front war!

3. Satan's hordes - Supernatural, invisible beings

- Bitter jealousy x2 (3:14, 16)
- Selfish ambition x2 in your heart
- Do not be arrogant and so lie
- Disorder and every evil thing

Galatians 5: 19-23		Fruits of the Spirit	Acts of the Flesh
WORKS OF THE FLESH	FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT		
- ADULTERY	- LOVE	Love	Hate, Indifference
- FORNICATION	- JOY	Joy	Despair, Envy
- UNCLEANNESS	- PEACE	Peace	Discord, Dissension
- LEWDNESS	- PATIENCE	Patience, Forbearance	Impatience, Selfish Ambition
- IDOLATRY	- KINDNESS	Kindness	Animosity, Contempt, Jealousy
- SORCERY	- GOODNESS	Goodness	Impurity, Corruption, Immorality
- HATRED	- GENTLENESS	Gentleness	Rage, Roughness
- CONTENTIONS,	- SELF-CONTROL	Faithfulness	Idolatry, Disobedience, Irresponsibility
- JEALOUSIES,		Self-Control	Drunkenness, Sexual Immorality, Manipulation
- OUTBURSTS OF WRATH			
- SELFISH AMBITIONS			
- DISSENSIONS			
- HERESIES			
- ENVY			
- MURDERS,			
- DRUNKENNESS			
- REVELRIES			
AND THE LIKE			
Which are you living?			

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Gal.5 reflects a very similar but more comprehensive list!

15 vs. 9 qualities

Faithfulness, after goodness, is missing above

[Gal 5:18-26 NASB20] 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, indecent behavior, 20 idolatry, witchcraft, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit as well. 26 Let's not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

Rom.12 also

[Rom 12:9-21 NASB20] 9 Love [must be] free of hypocrisy. Detest what is evil;

cling to what is good. 10 [Be] devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor, 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. 17 Never repay evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all people. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath [of God,] for it is written: "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. 20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Know a tree by its fruit!

- The fruit of righteousness is sown - 3:18
- James 3:12 - Can a fig tree, my brothers [and sisters,] bear olives, or a vine [bear] figs? ...
- Good - Evil, good fruits - bitter jealousy, truth - lie

Diametrically opposed, polarized...Light and darkness

Today's passage starts and ends with nurturing good fruit! And the middle discusses the works of the flesh! Fig tree 3:12 Good behavior 3:13, Fruit of righteousness 3:18, 14-16, 3 enemies and bitterness!

[Mat 12:33 NASB20] 33 "Either assume the tree [to be] good as well as its fruit good, or assume the tree [to be] bad as well as its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.

Either light or darkness, Good or Evil, Loyal love or promiscuity, cleanliness or sewage, Christ or self

[Jas 3:12 NASB20] 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers [and sisters,] bear olives, or a vine [bear] figs? Nor [can] salt water produce fresh.

[Jas 3:13-18 NASB20] 13 Who among you is **wise** and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the **gentleness** of **wisdom**.

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

15 This **wisdom** is not that which comes down **from above**, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, free of hypocrisy.

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

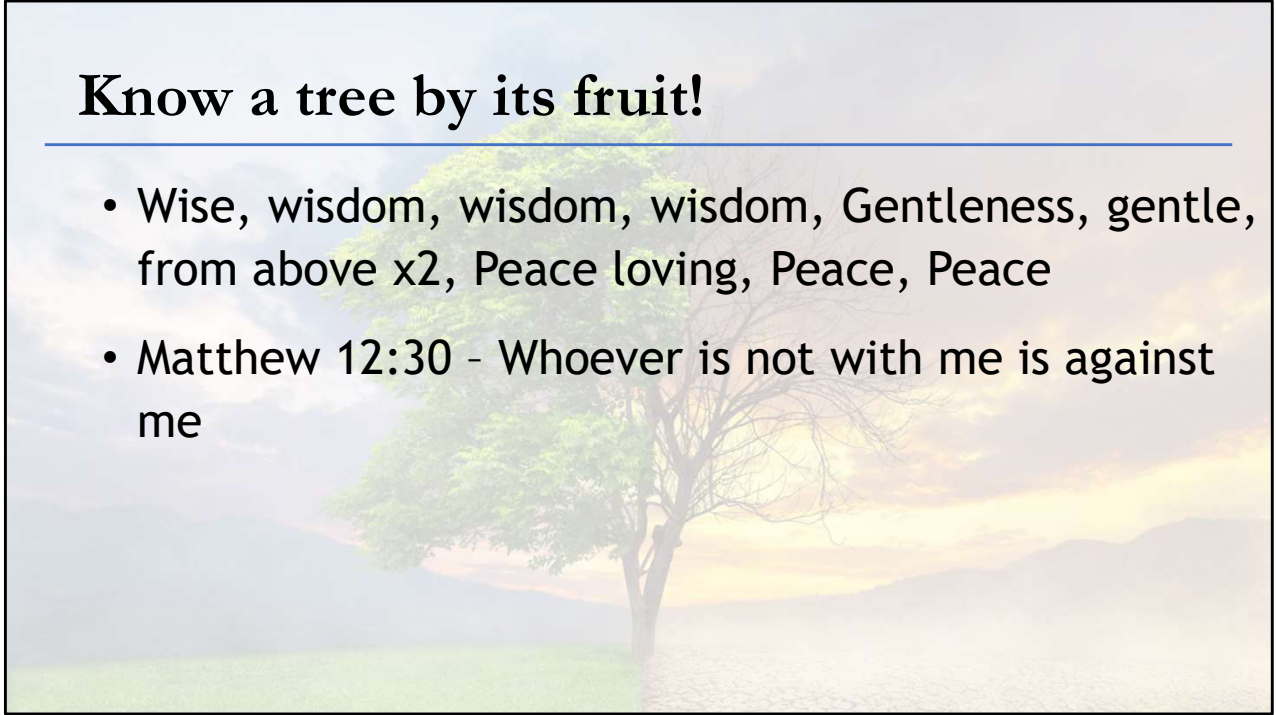
Also pure, fruit of righteousness, full of mercy

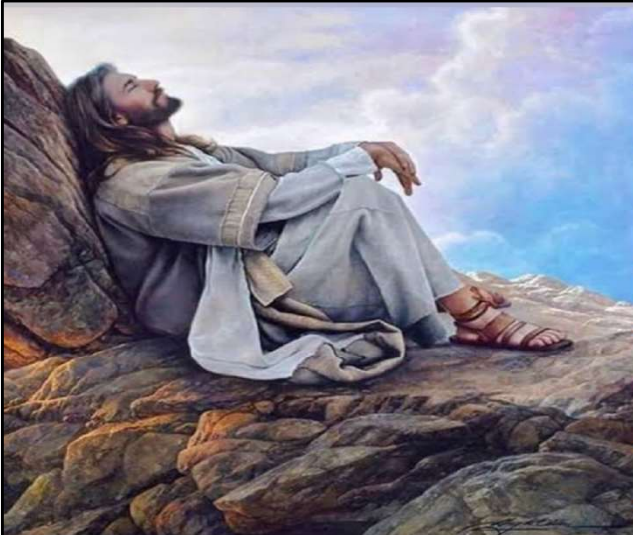
Mt. 12:30 ESV Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

The tree is actually a dead wooden cross, like Aarons Rod that budded!

Know a tree by its fruit!

- Wise, wisdom, wisdom, wisdom, Gentleness, gentle, from above x2, Peace loving, Peace, Peace
- Matthew 12:30 - Whoever is not with me is against me



 <p>Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. James 3:13</p>	<h2>Wisdom</h2> <p>(that comes from heaven)</p>
	1. pure.
	2. peaceloving.
	3. considerate.
	4. submissive.
	5. full of mercy.
	6. full of good fruit.
	7. impartial.
	8. sincere.
	James 3:17
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[Jas 3:17 NASB20] 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, free of hypocrisy.

the wisdom g4678 σοφία sophia

1. Pure g53 ἀγνή ἀγνός hagnos
2. Peaceable g1516 εἰρηνική εἰρηνικός eirēnikos
3. Gentle g1933 ἐπεικῆς ἐπεικῆς epieikēs
4. Reasonable g2138 εὐπειθῆς εὐπειθῆς eupēithēs
5. of mercy g1656 ἐλέους ἔλεος eleos
6. good g18 ἀγαθῶν ἀγαθός agathos Goes with the next one!
7. fruits g2590 καρπῶν καρπός karpos
8. unwavering g87 ἀδιάκριτος ἀδιάκριτος adiakritos
9. without hypocrisy g505 ἀνυπόκριτος ἀνυπόκριτος anypokritos

Wisdom tests

- Do you have self imposed rules/weaknesses?
- Search the scriptures when facing a dilemma?
- Do you use the royal law? On yourself as well?
- Do you pray? Asking God to expose your heart!

self imposed rules: Self control means having the Spirit directed wisdom to know and set guardrails around your own weaknesses, temptations

Don't chose to eat at All you can eat restaurants

Don't shop when hungry

Don't date where you are all alone

Don't buy anything over \$100 when you shop, unless it was already on your list, or until you take a day to think and pray about it 1st

the royal law? OBJECTIVELY! When asking people their views on your situation?

IF God spoke from heaven a different view than the one you presently hold, could you not only surrender your previous view but embrace the new one? Peter and vision of kosher and unclean foods, Gentiles needing Christ?

We NEED Wisdom!!

What's the difference between saving, like the ant, and hoarding?

When to not submit to the govt over us, when God sets up that govt

When to flee, fight and/or suffer

When to let love cover a multitude of sins and when to leave your gift at the altar

and go rebuke and reconcile

Who to Marry?

Which job to take?

IF and when we should move, and buy which house?

Do you know the difference between the bible's laws for welcoming the immigrant AND US law?

Lines for freedom of speech

Solving the Israel - Hamas or Russia Ukraine crisis?

USA troops being attacked by Iranian proxies?

Should Christians oppose the use of Marijuana?

Transhumanism - AI implanted in your brain, Neuralink

How would I handle it IF family asks me to attend a gay wedding? Polyamorous wedding? Marrying an unbeliever?

Using people's biblically incorrect personal pronouns

Going to my Aunts funeral or going hunting?

Should I buy a Lexus or a Honda CRV

Knowing the difference between going the extra mile to serve others and NOT becoming a slave to others opinions of me

When to separate from another believer or church/ministry?

Which Dr. and which treatment to take for a severe illness? Or to give in to death?

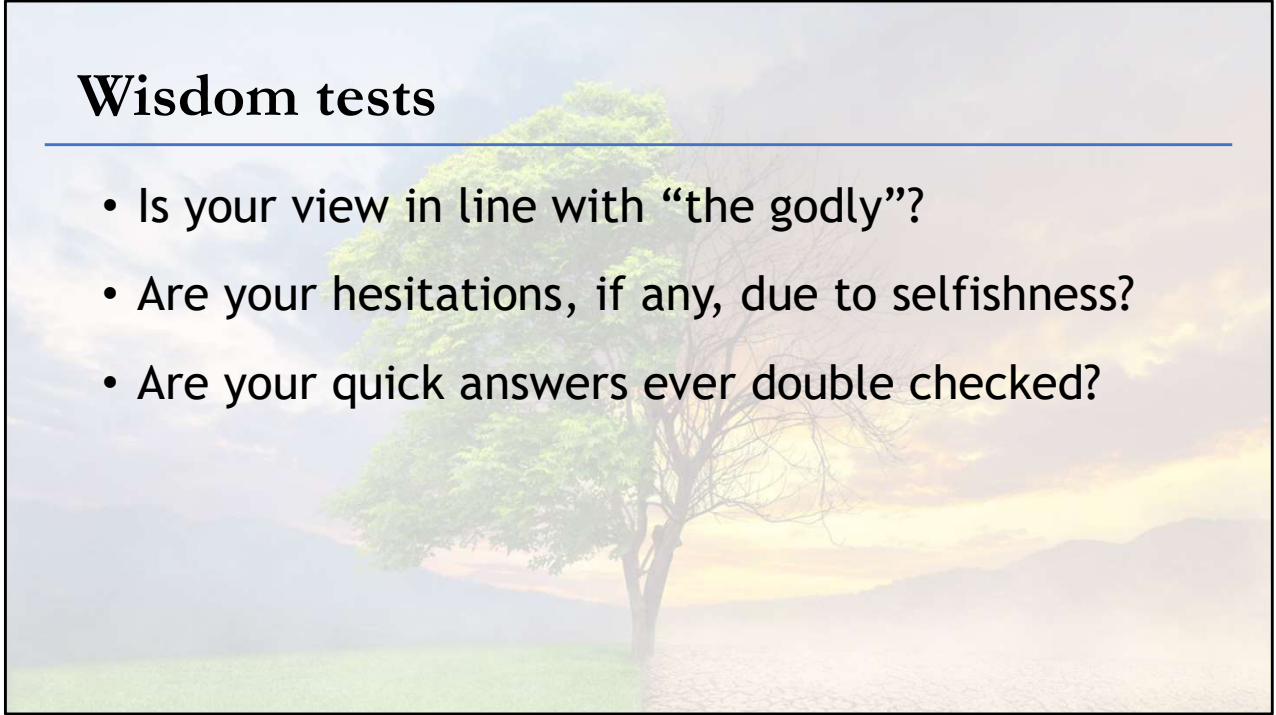
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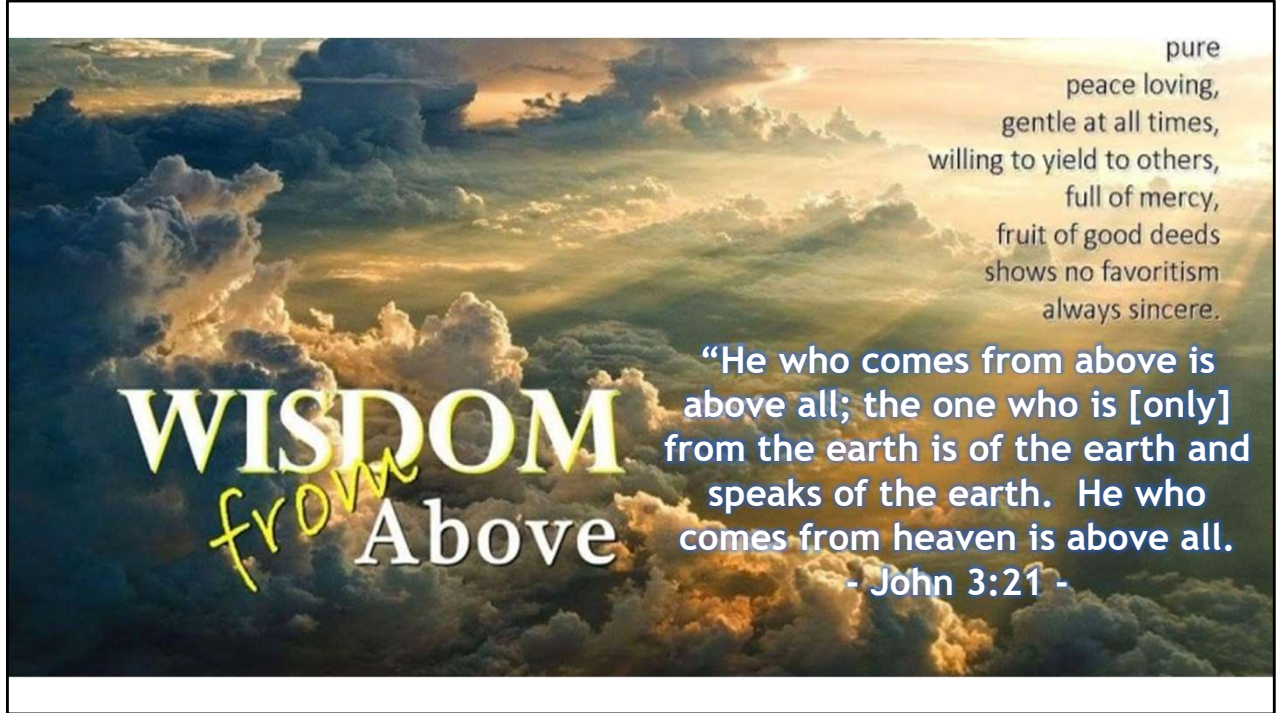
Christmas or Santa?

Solomonic wisdom: Cut the baby in half! Exposes the selfless love of a True Mom!

Wisdom tests

- Is your view in line with “the godly”?
- Are your hesitations, if any, due to selfishness?
- Are your quick answers ever double checked?





[Jhn 3:31 NASB20] 31 "He who comes from above is above all; the one who is [only] from the earth is of the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

[Jhn 8:23 NASB20] 23 And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

[Jhn 19:11 NASB20] 11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over Me at all, if it had not been given to you from above; for this reason the one who handed Me over to you has [the] greater sin."

[Jhn 3:3, 7, 9-10, 12-13 NASB20] 3 Jesus responded and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone is born again (from above) he cannot see the kingdom of God." ... 7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ... 9 Nicodemus responded and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "You are the teacher of Israel, and [yet] you do not understand these things? ... 12 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 "No one has ascended into heaven, except He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.

Wise man ... Foolish man! – Matthew 7

- Golden rule - James 2:8, Matthew 7:12
- Beware False prophets - James 3:1, Matthew 7:15
- Know them by their fruit - James 3:12, Matthew 7:16
- Cut down and thrown in fire - James 3:6, Matthew 7:19

[Mat 7:12 NASB20] 12 "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

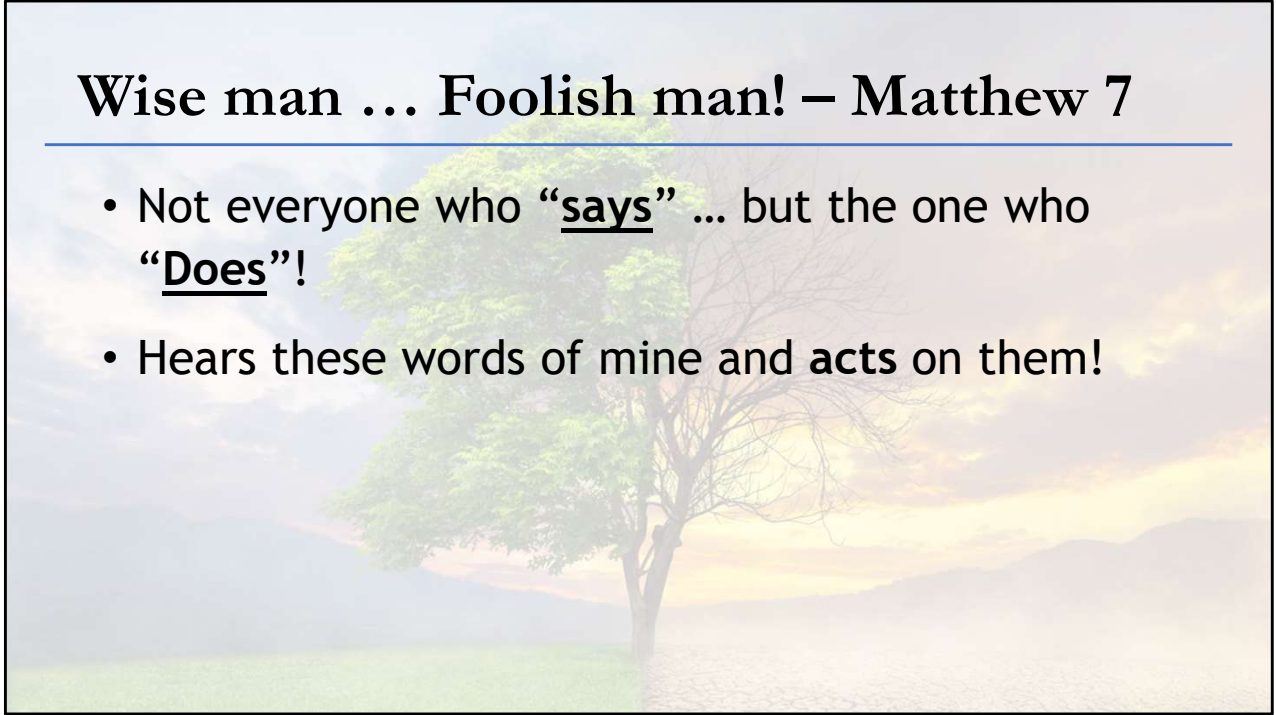
Mat 7:15-29 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn [bushes,] nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven [will enter.] 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' 24 "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 "And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and [yet] it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. 26 "And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 "And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed

against that house; and it fell--and its collapse was great." 28 When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; 29 for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

[1Co 1:17-18, 20-31 NASB20] 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made of no effect. 18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ... 20 Where is the wise person? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has God not made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not [come to] know God, God was pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than mankind, and the weakness of God is stronger than mankind. 26 For consider your calling, brothers [and sisters,] that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the insignificant things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that no human may boast before God. 30 But [it is] due to Him [that] you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 31 so that, just as it is written: "LET THE ONE WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

Wise man ... Foolish man! – Matthew 7

- Not everyone who “says” ... but the one who “Does”!
- Hears these words of mine and **acts** on them!





THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH BUILDER

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Matthew 7:24-27

**Wise
or
Foolish?**

**What is your
foundation
and who is
your Love?!**

Heavenly vs. Earthly Wisdom

Heavenly Wisdom

- Good Conduct
- Meek & pure
- From above
(God – Js. 1:5)
- Peaceable
- Good fruits

Earthly Wisdom

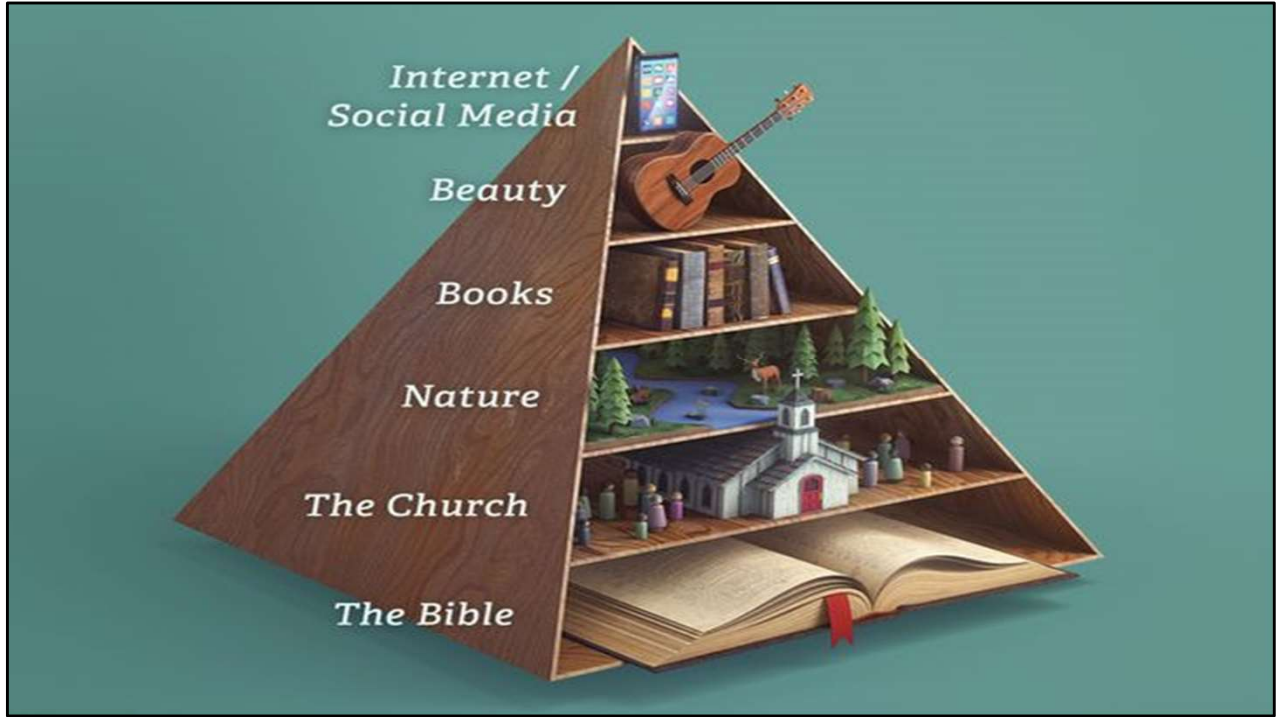
- Bitter envy/self-seeking
- Boast & lie
- Earthly, sensual & demonic
- Confusion
- Every evil thing

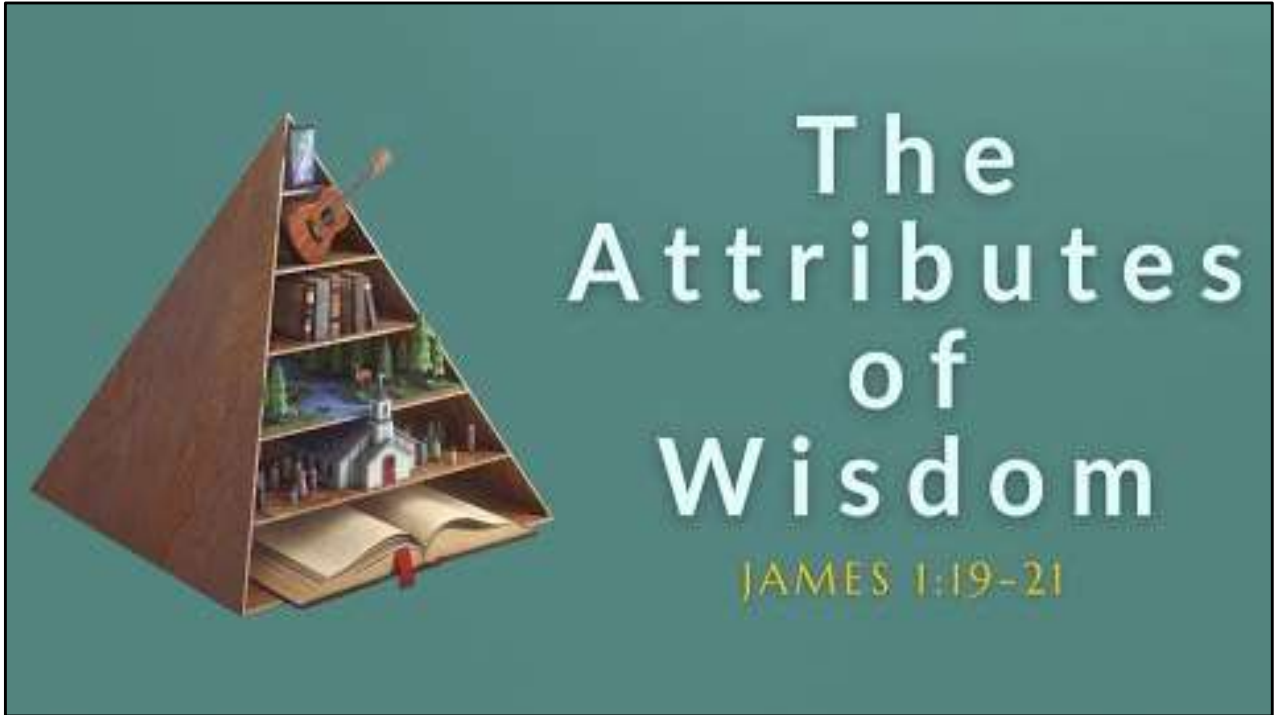
Two Kinds of Wisdom

	Earthly Wisdom	Heavenly Wisdom
ORIGIN	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>The World</i>2. <i>Self</i>3. <i>Satan</i>	<i>Holy Spirit</i>
NATURE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Bitter envy</i>2. <i>Selfish ambition</i>3. <i>Untamed tongue</i>	<i>Pure, peaceful, gentle, easy to please, helping people in trouble, doing good to others, fair and honest</i>
RESULT	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Disorder</i>2. <i>Evil practice</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Peace</i>2. <i>Righteousness</i>

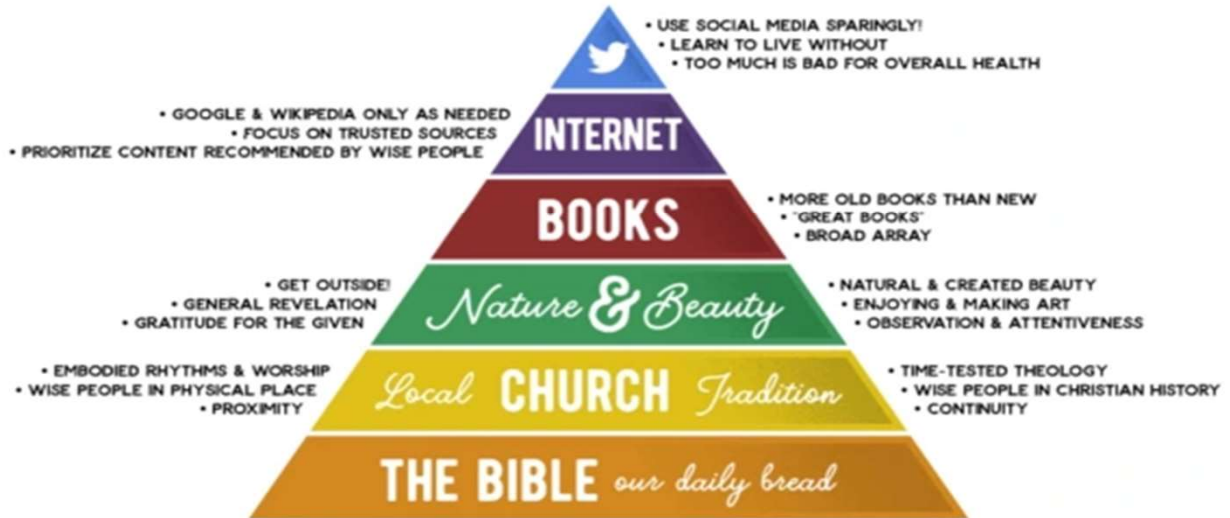


Heavenly Wisdom
Two Kinds of Wisdom
Earthly Wisdom





Wisdom Pyramid

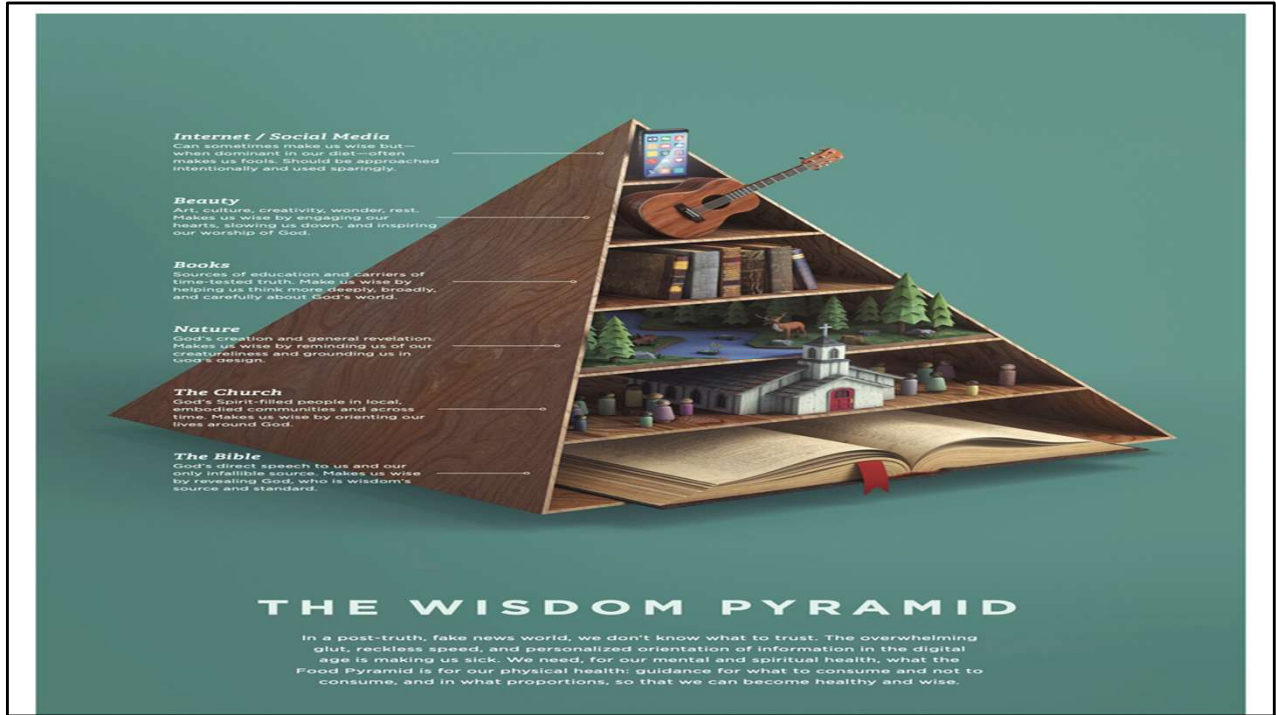


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“TWO WISDOMS” HEAVENLY? OR EARTHLY, SENSUAL, DEMONIC?



- Joy in trials and enduring them through faith (**1:3-12**)
- Overcoming temptation to do evil through faith (**1:13-16**)
- Overcoming anger through faith (**1:17-19**)
- Being doers of the word and not hearers only (**1:20-27**)



Internet / Social Media
 Can sometimes make us wise but—when dominant in our diet—often makes us fools. Should be approached intentionally and used sparingly.

Beauty
 Art, culture, creativity, wonder, rest. Makes us wise by engaging our hearts, slowing us down, and inspiring our worship of God.

Books
 Sources of education and carriers of time-tested truth. Make us wise by helping us think more deeply, broadly, and carefully about God's world.

Nature
 God's creation and general revelation. Makes us wise by reminding us of our creaturalness and grounding us in God's design.

The Church
 God's Spirit-filled people in local, embodied communities and across time. Makes us wise by orienting our lives around God.

The Bible
 God's direct speech to us and our only infallible source. Makes us wise by revealing God, who is wisdom's source and standard.

THE WISDOM PYRAMID

In a post-truth, fake news world, we don't know what to trust. The overwhelming glut, reckless speed, and personalized orientation of information in the digital age is making us sick. We need, for our mental and spiritual health, what the Food Pyramid is for our physical health: guidance for what to consume and not to consume, and in what proportions, so that we can become healthy and wise.

*But the wisdom from above is always pure,
filled with peace, considerate and teachable.
It is filled with love and never displays
prejudice or hypocrisy in any form
and it always bears the beautiful harvest of
righteousness!*

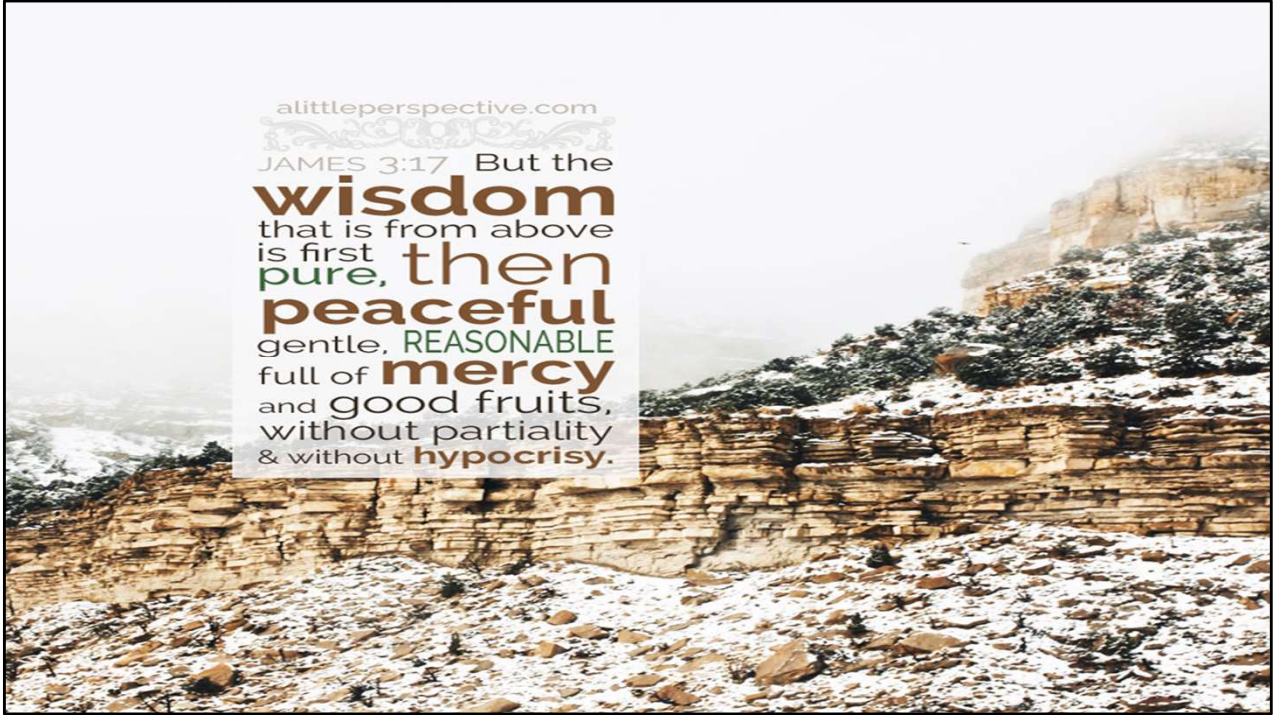


*Good seeds of wisdom's fruit
will be planted with peaceful acts
by those who cherish making peace .*

James 3:17-18 TPT

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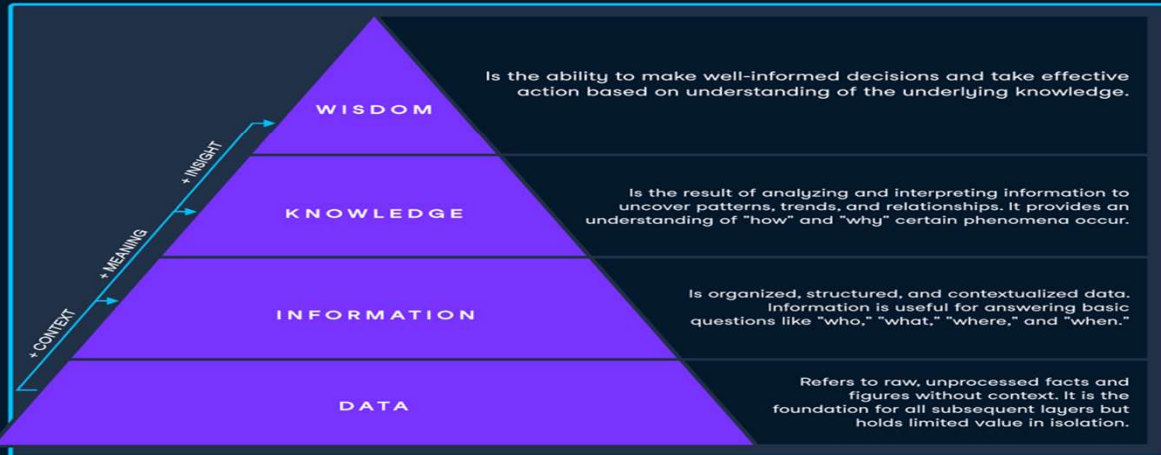
JAMES 3:17 But the
wisdom
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gentle, REASONABLE
full of **mercy**
and good fruits,
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& without **hypocrisy**.

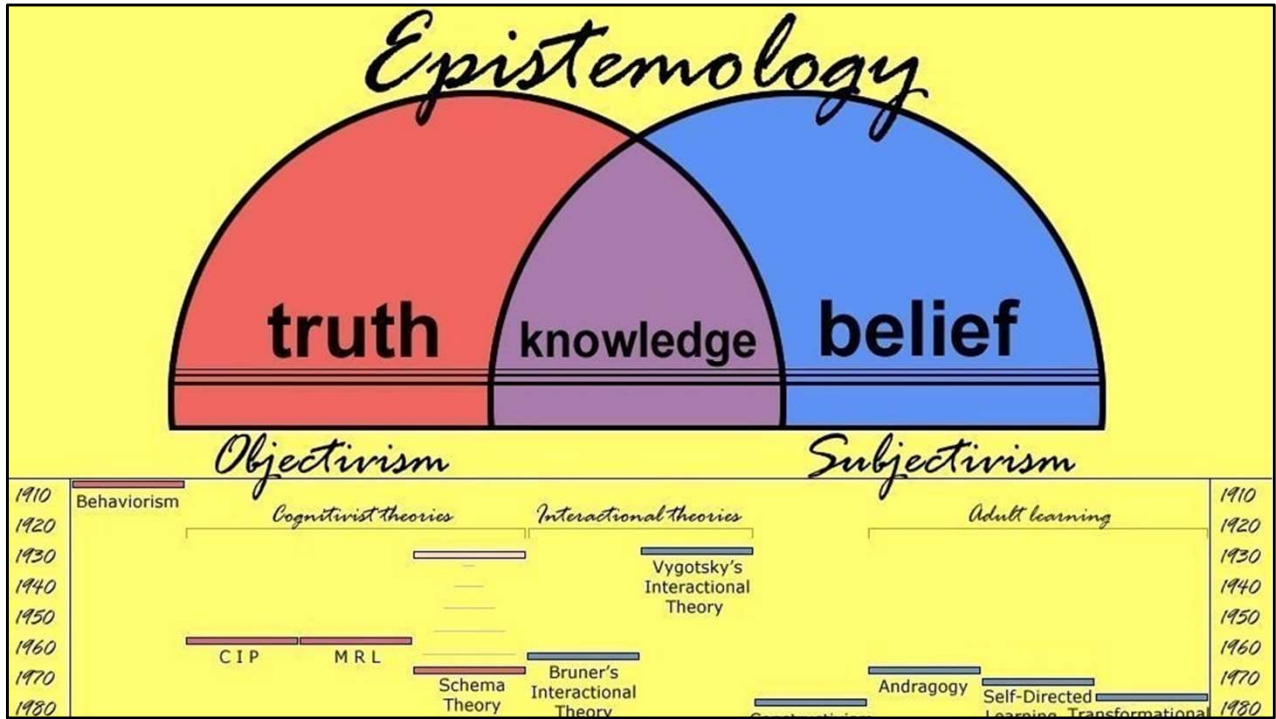


Data-Information-Knowledge-Wisdom Pyramid



The Data-Information-Knowledge-Wisdom (DIKW) pyramid illustrates the progression of raw data to valuable insights. It gives you a framework to discuss the level of meaning and utility within data. Each level of the pyramid builds on lower levels, and to effectively make data-driven decisions, you need all four levels.





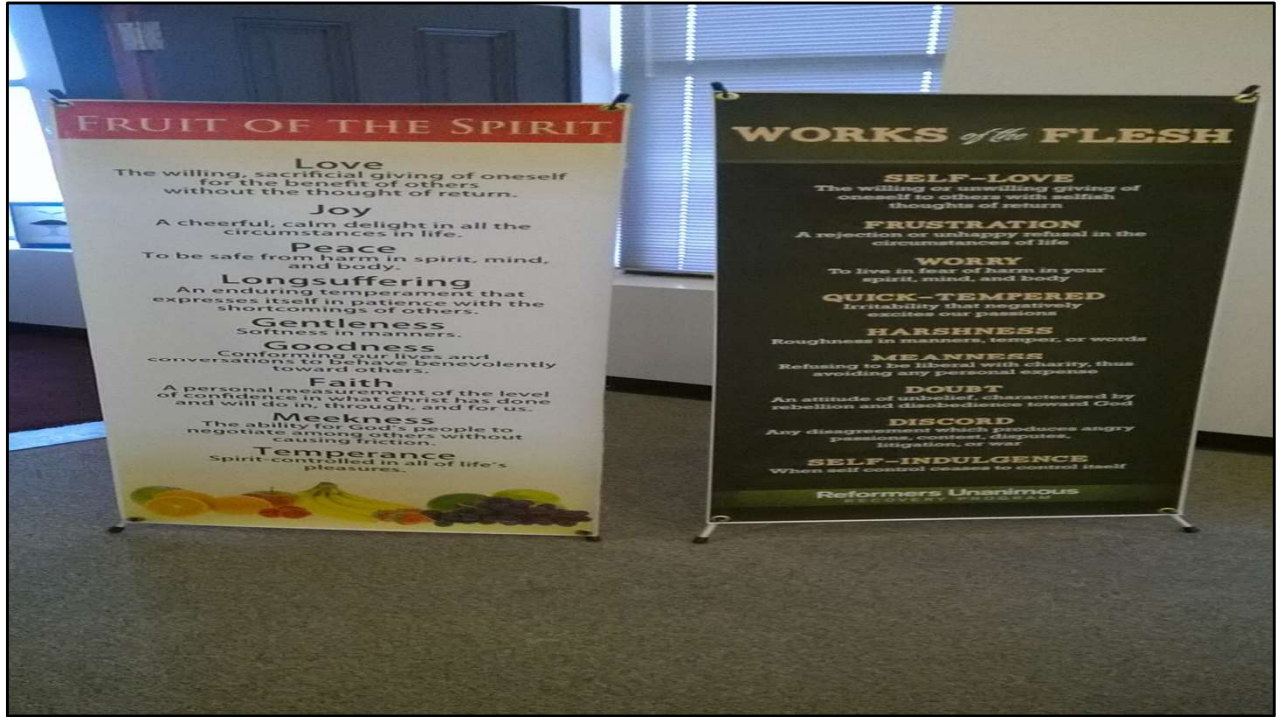
Books can teach you a lot but true wisdom comes from sitting alone in silence with your own soul and hearing it speak. The answers you seek are within.



The wisdom that comes from
heaven is first of all PURE.

James 3:17





FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Love
The willing, sacrificial giving of oneself for the benefit of others without the thought of return.

Joy
A cheerful, calm delight in all the circumstances of life.

Peace
To be safe from harm in spirit, mind, and body.

Longsuffering
An enduring temperament that expresses itself in patience with the shortcomings of others.

Gentleness
Softness in manners.

Goodness
Conforming our lives and conversations to behave benevolently toward others.

Faith
A personal measurement of the level of confidence in what Christ has done and will do in, through, and for us.

Meekness
The ability for God's people to negotiate among others without causing friction.

Temperance
Spirit-controlled in all of life's pleasures.



WORKS OF THE FLESH

SELF-LOVE
The willing or unwilling giving of oneself to others with selfish thoughts of return.

FRUSTRATION
A rejection or unhappy refusal in the circumstances of life.

WORRY
To live in fear of harm in your spirit, mind, and body.

QUICK-TEMPERED
Irritability that negatively excites our passions.

HARSHNESS
Roughness in manners, temper, or words.

MEANNESS
Refusing to be liberal with charity, thus evading any personal expense.

DOUBT
An attitude of unbelief, characterized by rebellion and disobedience toward God.

DISCORD
Any disagreement which produces angry feelings, envious disputes, litigation, or war.

SELF-INDULGENCE
When self-control begins to control itself.

Reformers Unanimous