

Wisdom

♦ **Wisdom** - the soundness of an action or decision with regard to the application of experience, knowledge, and good judgment.

Where should we go to find TRUE Wisdom?

♦ James 1:5 - 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

God's Wisdom is Greater Than the World's Wisdom

♦1 Corinthians 1:19-20 - 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart. 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

The Wisdom of God Brings Peace and Humility

♦ 1 Peter 3:8 - 8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

♦ **Ephesians 4:3** - ...3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Wisdom – Good Life and Deeds in Humility

♦ James 3:13 - 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. (NIV)

Wisdom – Good Life and Deeds in Humility

♦ 1 John 3:18 - 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

♦1 Peter 2:12 - 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

A Heart of Bitter Jealousy and Selfish Ambition

♦ James 3:14 - 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

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♦ Proverbs 14:12 - 12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

♦ Proverbs 16:18 - 18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Earthly, Unspiritual, Demonic Wisdom

♦ James 3:15 - 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

How to Sow Division

♦ **James 3:16** - 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

How to Divide a Society or Church

- 1. Generations Create Misunderstanding and Mistrust
- 2. Racial Division Create Suspicion and Animosity
- 3. Socioeconomic Rich vs Poor, Class Envy
- 4. Religion Allow Religions to Label Each Other

God of Peace

♦ 1 Corinthians 14:33 - 33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

Wisdom From Above

♦ James 3:17 - 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

Harvest of Righteousness

♦ James 3:18 - 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Love Changes Enemies Into Friends

