

## Wisdom

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### Introduction

1. James 3:13-17
2. Wisdom is essential element of a Christians life.
3. Wisdom may be acquired James 1:5-6
4. Let us look at our text at the two kinds of wisdom mentioned

### II Discussion

1. What is wisdom
  1. Knowledge is the possession of facts; wisdom is the proper application of those facts. Guy N Woods commentary on James
  2. Wisdom is the best management of knowledge V.E. Howard Getwell 84
2. Earthly Wisdom
  1. Bitter envying - unpleasant sensation, jealous over the attainments of others
  2. Strife - denotes the condition in the heart when one resorts to evil measure to accomplish one's desires. It is a condition produced by improper zeal which has as its aim the acquisition of that possessed by others.
  3. Glory not - not to boast on one's affairs to the hurt of others
  4. Lie not - to be false to the truth
  5. Earthly - this wisdom has its origins on earth 1 John 2:15
  6. Sensual - belonging to the sensuous or animal life
  7. Devilish - it has the nature and character of demons John 8:44 it acts like a demon
3. Wisdom from above
  1. Pure - uncontaminated - had only by constance vigilance. Shirks from pollution whatsoever 2 Peter 1:4; 2:20
  2. Peaceable - peace loving Romans 12:8; Some would rather fight than do anything else. Philippians 4:7 Not peace at any price Jude 3 These follow the beatitudes in Matthew 5
  3. Gentle - reasonable fair in dealing with others. See their side but if wrong don't compromise but still be gentle.
  4. Easy to be intreated open to reason willing to yield to what is right. But not carried away with every wind of doctrine Ephesians 4:14
  5. Full of mercy - compassion to help those in distress James 1:27; 2:15-18
  6. Good fruits, this is the results of mercy
  7. Without partiality - not to distinguish opposite of double minded James 1:8
  8. Without hypocrisy - does not wear a mask he does not practice deception

### III Conclusion

1. How do we have this wisdom from above? James 1:5; Proverbs 2:1-6
2. Wisdom is more precious than rubies Proverbs 3:5
3. Which wisdom describes you wisdom?
4. Why not have God's wisdom Matthew 7:24ff

Sources: G.A. commentary on James by Guy N. Woods; Getwell lecture 1984; old sermon preached 1991