



Genuine Living Faith

Earthly Wisdom vs Godly Wisdom

James 3:13-18



James 3:12

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.

James 3:14-16

**But if you harbor
bitter envy and selfish
ambition in your
hearts, do not boast
about it or deny the
truth.**

Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven, but is earthly and unspiritual and demonic.

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

**Earthly -
Focused on the here
and now. No thought
to eternity.**

**Unspiritual -
Gratifying your
desires and your
flesh.**

**Demonic -
Resembling the
characteristic of
demons or evil spirits.**

James 3:16

**There you find
disorder and every
evil practice.**

1 Corinthians 14:33

**For God is not the
author of confusion,
but of peace.**

- Is this from a place of selfishness?
 - Is this from a place of envy?
 - Is this self serving?
- Is this only focused on earthly things?
- Is this about gratifying my own flesh?
 - Is there disorder/confusion?

Job 28

Where does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell? It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds in the sky. God understands the way to it and He alone knows where it dwells.

There He looked at
wisdom and appraised it.

He confirmed it and
tested it. And He said to
the human race, “The fear
of the Lord - that is
wisdom, and to shun evil
is understanding.”

James 3:17-18

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.

Peacemakers who sow in peace, reap a harvest of righteousness.

“Follow Your Heart”

Jeremiah 17:9

**The heart is deceitful
above all things.**

“Seeing is Believing”

John 20:29

**Blessed are those
who have not seen
and yet have believed.**

**“Love your family and
your friends”**

Matthew 5:43-47

**Love your enemies
and and pray for those
that persecute you.**

1. Pursue Godly Wisdom.

James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom
you should ask God, who
gives generously to all
without finding fault and
it will be given to you.

**2. Use your wisdom
filters!!!**

James 3!!!

**3. Use the word of
God as our
measuring stick.**

**“There are many ways to
get to God.”**

John 14:6

**“I am the way, the truth
and the life. No one
comes to the Father
except through me.”**

