

WISDOM FROM ABOVE

JAMES 3:13-18

ONE GREAT WISH

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**MANY SEEK POWER, FAME, RICHES BUT
FEW SEEK WISDOM**

PROVERBS 8:11

**for wisdom is more precious than rubies,
and nothing you desire can compare with
her.**

SOURCE OF WISDOM

COLOSSIANS 2:3

**in whom are hidden all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge.**

MATTHEW 12:42

**The Queen of the South will rise at the
judgment with this generation and condemn
it; for she came from the ends of the earth to
listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one
greater than Solomon is here.**

ATTRIBUTES OF GODLY WISDOM

JAMES 3:13-1

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 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, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 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 raise a harvest of righteousness.

ARE YOU WISE?

ADVICE COLUMNS, SELF HELP-BOOKS, TALK PROGRAMS, COUSELING

LOOK AT VERSE 13

SJHOW WISDOM BY LIFESTYLE

PROVERBS 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

BITTER JEALOUSY

Contentious rivalry – domination

SELFISH AMBITION

My opinion is only one that matters

CARNAL WISDOM NOT SPIRITUAL

RESULTS OF THIS WISDOM VERSE 16

GODLY WISDOM HAS 7 TRAITS

PURE

Same word as holy and saint

Free from any defilement

Purity of heart, mind, and life

MATTHEW 5:8

PEACEABLE

Avoid faction and division

MATTHEW 5:9

GENTLE

Takes great pains to make sure that has gathered all facts before making decision

How many churches disrupted because someone jumped to a conclusion?

Proverbs 18:13

He who answers before listening-- that is his folly and his shame.

REASONABLE

Approachable and teachable

How do you react when what you believe clashes with word of God?

PROVERBS 9:8-9

Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.

FULL OF MERCY

Kindness or good-will towards the miserable and afflicted with a desire to relieve them

JESUS FULL OF MERCY

Toward sinners Matt.9:9-13

Towards sick Matt.9:35:38

Towards the hungry Matt.15:29-39

Towards the lonely Luke 7:11-15

Towards the ignored Matt.20:29-34

MATTHEW 5:7

IMPARTIAL

Treat all with love and dignity regardless of economic status, social standing, occupation, education, intelligence, appearance, color of skin, or language

JAMES 2:8,

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.(NIV)

WITHOUT HYPOCRISY

Sincerity, no faking

SOMETIMES GREATEST ENEMY OF CHURCH IS ITS OWN MEMBERS

DO YOU HAVE AND ARE YOU SEEKING THE WISDOM THAT IS FROM ABOVE?
