



Wisdom: Right Knowledge Rightly Applied

James 3:13-18



Living by FAITH

1. Embrace trials (1:2-18)
2. Be hearers and doers of the Word (1:19-27)
3. Don't show favoritism (2:1-13)
4. Make sure your faith shows by works (2:14-26)
5. Control your tongue (3:1-12)

Defining WISDOM

1. It's demonstrated by our conduct (v. 13)
2. What it's NOT: earthly, unspiritual, demonic (vv. 14-16)
3. What it IS: *from ABOVE* (vv. 17-18)

Josh. 1:8 (ESV)

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.



Acts 6:3 (ESV)

“Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty”



1 Tim. 6:20 (ESV)

“O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge”



Wisdom NOT from ABOVE

1. Jealousy (Pr. 6:34)
2. Selfish Ambition (Pr. 16:18)
3. Boasting/Arrogance (Pr. 8:13)
4. Earthly & Unspiritual (Pr. 14:12)
5. Demonic (Pr. 27:20)
6. Disorder (Pr. 11:29)

Pr. 6:34 (ESV)

“For jealousy makes a man furious, and he will not spare when he takes revenge.”



Pr. 16:18 (ESV)

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”



3 John 1:9 (ESV)

“I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority.”



Pr. 8:13 (ESV)

“The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.”



Isa. 14:12-15 (ESV)

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!
(13)You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; (14)I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’
(15)But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.”



1 Pet. 5:5 (ESV)

“... Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”



Pr. 14:12 (ESV)

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”



Ecc. 1:9 (ESV)

“What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.”



Pr. 27:20 (ESV)

“Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, and never satisfied
are the eyes of man.”



Eph. 4:26-27 (ESV)

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, (27)and give no opportunity to the devil.”



Pr. 11:29 (ESV)

“Whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind,
and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.”



WISDOM FROM ABOVE

1. Pure (Pr. 15:26)
2. Peaceable (Pr. 3:1-2; Eph. 2:14)
3. Gentle (Pr. 16:32)
4. Open to reason (Pr. 14:15)
5. Full of mercy (Pr. 11:7,24-25)
6. Good fruits (Pr. 3:18)
7. Impartial/Unwavering (Pr. 24:16)
8. Sincere (Pr. 28:13)

Pr. 15:26 (ESV)

“The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, but gracious words are pure.”



Pr. 3:1-2 (ESV)

“My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, (2)for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.”



Eph. 2:14 (ESV)

“For He himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility”



Pr. 16:32 (ESV)

“Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.”



Pr. 14:15 (ESV)

“The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.”



Pr. 11:7 (NASB)

“A merciful person does himself good, but the cruel person does himself harm.”



Pr. 11:24-25 (ESV)

“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

(25)Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”



Pr. 3:18 (ESV)

“She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed.”



Pr. 24:16 (ESV)

“for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.”



Pr. 28:13 (ESV)

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

