



GOD'S WISDOM WILL RESULT IN COMPASSIONATE, AUTHENTIC, AND PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS.

James 3:13

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

What is wisdom?

1. Wisdom is seeing life from God's perspective.

What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?

2. Knowledge comes from education. Wisdom comes from God.

You can't have wisdom without knowledge, but it is possible to have knowledge without wisdom.

- It takes knowledge to build the Titanic but wisdom to avoid the icebergs.
- It takes knowledge to build a house but wisdom to build a home.
- It takes knowledge to realize that a tomato is a fruit, but wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

James 3:14

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

3. Man's wisdom measures everything by self.

James 3:15-16

This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

Earthly Wisdom:

Is is worldly.

It is unspiritual.

It is demonic.

Proverbs 14:12

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

James 3:17-18

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

4. God's wisdom will be revealed in our lives by personal holiness and relational peace.

Philippians 2:3-8

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross

How do I live a wise life?

5. We reveal godly wisdom by living peaceful, humble lives.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.