

**Reading:** James 3:13-18

**Topic:** Growth Through  
Wisdom From Above

**INTRODUCTION:** As we live in a world that has acquired more \_\_\_\_\_ than ever before, it is very obvious that what is lacking greatly now is \_\_\_\_\_ from above.

## I. WISDOM:

### A. Defined:

1. The Webster dictionary definition of wisdom is “Intelligence drawing on \_\_\_\_\_ and governed by \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. Another definition of wisdom is “The quality of having \_\_\_\_\_, knowledge, and \_\_\_\_\_ Judgement”

### B. Scriptural Definition:

1. From the Old Testament Hebrew word, “chokmah” the word wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ “Skillful in wisely wit” or “good sense.” Deut. 34:9
2. Another Hebrew word for wisdom in the Old Testament is “tushiyah” which \_\_\_\_\_ “intellectual understanding.” Job 6:13

## II. WORDLY WISDOM:

### A. Earthly:

1. This word earthly speaks of the \_\_\_\_\_ or unregenerated fallen nature of mankind that always produces thinking that is after the \_\_\_\_\_ man and not the spiritual man. I Cor. 2:13,14
2. Earthly behavior is the conduct that is produced by the \_\_\_\_\_ man or woman and reveals itself in the manifestation and glorifying of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh. Rom. 8:7,8
3. This is one of the characteristics of worldly wisdom – it is earthly!

### B. Sensual:

1. This word sensual is referring to the corrupt fallen \_\_\_\_\_ of man, even the original Greek word carries the sense of the word “beast’ or animal \_\_\_\_\_ with it.
2. This characteristic of worldly wisdom produces behavior that follows the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh and not the fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Jude 1:17-19

### C. Devilish:

1. This word describing the third characteristic of worldly \_\_\_\_\_ in the original Greek actually means “demon-like” which manifests itself in \_\_\_\_\_ conduct. Rom. 1:21-24
2. Though in today’s world, we have people who are very well educated with \_\_\_\_\_ learning and more \_\_\_\_\_ than ever before, some of them manifest evil in works and words. Rom. 1:26-  
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3. The Word of God aptly describes the conditions \_\_\_\_\_ by worldly \_\_\_\_\_ - bitterness and envy, strife, confusion, and every evil work. James 3:14-16

### III. WISDOM FROM ABOVE – HEAVENLY:

#### **A. Pure:**

1. Godly wisdom produces a clean \_\_\_\_\_ in an individual which leads to a right \_\_\_\_\_ - the spirit of humility and meekness. Ps. 51:10
2. Jesus pronounced a blessing upon those that are \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ stating that they will be the ones to \_\_\_\_\_ God. Mt. 5:8
3. Purity in heart leads to purity in the way that we \_\_\_\_\_ our lives daily here upon earth.

#### **B. Peaceable:**

1. Heavenly wisdom also produces a \_\_\_\_\_ in the heart and life of an individual and causes them to have the \_\_\_\_\_ to be at peace with others. Matt. 5:9
2. The way of the world is to be selfish and \_\_\_\_\_ to have my own way, but the wisdom from above leads to the desire to let the Prince of \_\_\_\_\_ have His way. James 3:18

#### **C. Gentle:**

1. This word “gentle” in the original Greek also means \_\_\_\_\_ which is a quality that God desires to produce in all of us and He sometimes He uses tribulation or \_\_\_\_\_ spots to do it. Rom. 5:3
2. This gentleness or patience is something that God has with us in our \_\_\_\_\_ with Him and that He also desires to see manifested in us \_\_\_\_\_ others. 2 Tim. 2:24

#### **D. Easy To Be Intreated:**

1. This characteristic of wisdom from \_\_\_\_\_ speaks of one’s willingness to move from a position of hardness to be able to accommodate someone else who may be of a different \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 15:28-31
2. We are never to compromise on the Gospel and the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation, but we must have the Spirit of Christ when it comes to \_\_\_\_\_ with other situations. Mk. 9:38-40

#### **E. Full of Mercy:**

1. When we pause to reflect on the \_\_\_\_\_ that God had upon us, it should make us realize that we are responsible to show \_\_\_\_\_ towards those around us. Mt. 5:7
2. The Apostle Paul was so grateful to God who showed \_\_\_\_\_ upon him even when he was fighting against the church and the people who followed Jesus. I Tim. 1:13

#### **F. Without Partiality:**

1. One of the characteristics of God is that He is no respecter of \_\_\_\_\_, and that He loves all people regardless of their situations or backgrounds and desires all of them to be \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 10:34, I Tim. 2:4
2. The Apostle James exhorted the \_\_\_\_\_ not to fall into the trap of being partial to one kind of people and being disrespectful to another kind who were different. James 2:1-4

#### **G. Without Hypocrisy:**

1. If there was one group of people that Jesus called out most often during His \_\_\_\_\_ it was the hypocrites - people who pretended to be \_\_\_\_\_ that they are not. Mt. 23:15
2. This is the day and hour when the world needs to \_\_\_\_\_ people who are genuine and \_\_\_\_\_, not people who are \_\_\_\_\_ and putting on a façade. Mt. 6:5

**CONCLUSION:** May God help us to get His \_\_\_\_\_, the wisdom from above to reveal Jesus to this dark and lost \_\_\_\_\_ who needs Jesus.