

Becoming Mature in Christ

Where to Get Wisdom

James 3:13-18

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Introduction:

- Wisdom was important to the Jewish people – Think of: *Moses ... Joshua ... Samuel ... Elijah ... Deborah ... Esther ... Daniel.*
 - Confucious – Far-East
 - Euclid and Archimedes – Alexandria, Egypt
 - Big Three of Greece – Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle
 - Philosophers, which means “Lover of Wisdom” combines two Greek words:
 - Phileo ... which means “to love”
 - Sophia ... Which is “wisdom”
 - **Acts 2** – The godly wisdom that the Apostles received on Pentecost, I believe it was greater than anything since Solomon.
 - Wisdom - “Knowledge of what is true and right, coupled with Just Judgement ... Discernment or insight.” (Websters)
 - Hebrew – Chokmah ... “To act wisely to discern properly.”
 - Greek – Sophia - “The Capacity to understand and act wisely ... to discern.”
 - **Genesis 3:6**
 - **James 3:13-18**
 - False wisdom comes from man on earth – True wisdom comes from God in Heaven.
 - **Genesis 11:4**
 - **Genesis 12**
 - **1st Samuel 15**
 - **Acts 5**
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1. False Wisdom:

- a. **James 3:15**
- b. **James 3:14-15**
- c. **James 3:16**
- d. False wisdom produces: – bitter envy – selfish ambition – disorder, and every evil practice.

2. True Wisdom:

- a. **James 1:17**
- b. **John 14:6**
- c. **Colossians 2:3**
- d. **Proverbs 9:10**
- e. Hebrew - **Yirah** (*Yeer-Awh*) ... To be *AMAZED* ... to show *REVERENCE* ... to recognize how *AWESOME* God is ... to know there is none like Him.
- f. **Psalm 119:105**
- g. **2nd Timothy 3:14-16**
- h. **Ephesians 1:17**
- i. True Wisdom produces: peace-loving ... considerate ... submissive ... full of mercy and good fruit ... impartial, and sincere.
 - 1. Purity – **Romans 12:1-2**
 - 2. Peace Loving – **Matthew 5:9**
 - 3. Considerate –
 - 4. Submissive –
- j. **James 3:18**
- k. **Proverbs 3:13**
- l. **James 1:5**
- m. **Proverbs 9:10**