



# Godly Wisdom

James 3:13-18

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Godly \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 13a)

*"Acquire wisdom; and with all your acquiring, get understanding." (Pr. 4:7)*

*"...Fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Prov. 1:7b)*

*Prov. 3:13-18*

2) \_\_\_\_\_ it in your \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 13b-14)

*"Be very careful, then, how you live -- not as unwise but as wise."*

*(Eph. 5:15, NIV)*

3) \_\_\_\_\_ it from \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom. (vv. 15-16)

Worldly wisdom is (v. 15) . . .

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ - based only on \_\_\_\_\_

*"There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Prov. 14:12, see Isa. 55:8-9)*

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ - as opposed to \_\_\_\_\_

*"But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised." (1 Cor. 2:14)*

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ - influenced by \_\_\_\_\_ himself

*"But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.'" (Matt. 16:23, see Gen. 3:6a)*

Worldly wisdom leads to (v. 16) . . .

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

➤ every \_\_\_\_\_ thing

4) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ for it. (v. 17a)

*"But the wisdom from above is ..." (v. 17a)*

*"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." (James 1:17)*

*"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5)*

5) \_\_\_\_\_ what it \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 17b-18)

**GODLY WISDOM IS (v. 17) . . .**

➤ **pure** - not \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Blessed are the pure in heart..." (Matt. 5:8a)*

*"Purify your hearts, you double-minded." (James 4:8b)*

➤ **peaceable** - passionate about \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3)*

*"Pursue peace with all men..." (Heb. 12:14)*

*"If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men" (Rom. 12:18)*

➤ **gentle** - \_\_\_\_\_ with others.

*"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (Prov. 15:1)*

*"The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged..." (2 Tim. 2:24)*

➤ **reasonable** - \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger." (Jas. 1:19)*

➤ **full of mercy and good fruits** - overflowing with \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...zealous for good deeds." (Titus 2:14b)*

➤ **unwavering (or impartial)** - \_\_\_\_\_ and consistent.

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58)*

➤ **without hypocrisy** - \_\_\_\_\_ and without pretense.

*1 Cor. 2:1-5, 2 Cor. 2:17*

**GODLY WISDOM LEADS TO (v. 18) . . .**

➤ a meaningful and \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ with others.