



James 3:13-18 NIV

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17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.



1 Corinthians 1:24, 30 NIV

24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.



Colossians 2:2-3 NIV

2 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.



I. It is Evidenced By Works



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I. It is Evidenced By Works



Proverbs 4:6-7 NIV

- 6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;
love her, and she will watch over you.
- 7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.
Though it cost all you have, get understanding.



I. It is Evidenced By Works

Proverbs 1:5-7 NIV

5 let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—

6 for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Previous Scripture: Proverbs 4:6-7;

James 3:13; Colossians 2:2-3



I. It is Evidenced By Works Proverbs 2:6 NIV



For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.



II. It is Not Boastful

James 3:14-16 NIV

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Previous Scripture: Proverbs 2:6;

Proverbs 1:5-7; Proverbs 4:6-7



II. It is Not Boastful Proverbs 19:20 NIV

Listen to advice and accept discipline,
and at the end you will be counted among the wise.



II. It is Not Boastful Jeremiah 9:23-24 NIV

23 This is what the LORD says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,

24 but let the one who boasts boast about this:
that they have the understanding to know me,
that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight,”
declares the LORD.

Previous Scripture: Proverbs 19:20;

James 3:14-16; Proverbs 2:6

II. It is Not Boastful

Genesis 11:1-4 NIV

1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."



II. It is Not Boastful

Genesis 11:5-9 NIV

5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. 6 The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel —because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Previous Scripture: Jeremiah 9:23-24;

Proverbs 19:20; James 3:14-16



III. It is From Above

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Previous Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9;

Jeremiah 9:23-24; Proverbs 19:20



III. It is From Above

James 1:17 NIV

Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the
heavenly lights, who does not change like
shifting shadows.

Previous Scripture: James 3:17-18;

Genesis 11:1-9; Jeremiah 9:23-24



III. It is From Above Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



III. It is From Above 1 Corinthians 1:19 NIV

For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”



III. It is From Above

1 Corinthians 1:20 NIV

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?



III. It is From Above

1 Corinthians 2:14 NIV

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Previous Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:20;

1 Corinthians 1:19; Galatians 5:22-23



III. It is From Above

James 1:5 NIV

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.



III. It is From Above

1 Kings 3:7-9 NIV

7 “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

Previous Scripture: James 1:5;

1 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 1:20



III. It is From Above Matthew 5:9 NIV

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