

Growing into a Wise Guy/Gal

The Test of Wisdom: Part 1, Man's False Wisdom James 3:13-16 Chris Mueller 1-9-22

Introduction: Disorder

2 Chronicles 1:10

Man's wisdom comes from reason, but God's wisdom comes from revelation

The kind of wisdom a person possesses will be revealed by the type of life they live

James 3:13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. **14** But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. **15** This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. **16** For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. **17** But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. **18** And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Unwise versus Wise (James 3:13-18)

	The Unwise	The Wise
Signs (3:13-14)	1. Bitter jealousy 2. Selfish ambition (3:14)	1. Good behavior 2. Gentle deeds (3:13)
Characteristics (3:14-15, 17)	1. Arrogant 2. Dishonest 3. Worldly 4. Natural 5. Demonic (3:14-15)	1. Pure 2. Peaceable 3. Gentle 4. Reasonable 5. Merciful 6. Bountiful 7. Unwavering 8. Sincere (3:17)
Results (3:16, 18)	1. Disorder 2. Every evil (3:16)	1. Righteousness 2. Peace (3:18)

#1 The test of true wisdom 13

13 Who among you is wise and understanding?

Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

GOOD BEHAVIOR

GENTLE DEEDS

#2 The taint of false wisdom 14-16

1st The C _____ of false wisdom 14a

14a But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart,

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves

2nd The C_____ of false wisdom 14b-15

14b do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

1 - ARROGANT

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

2 - DECEIT

John 8:44
Revelation 21:8

3 - EARTHLY

4 - NATURAL

Jude 19 worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit

5 - DEMONIC

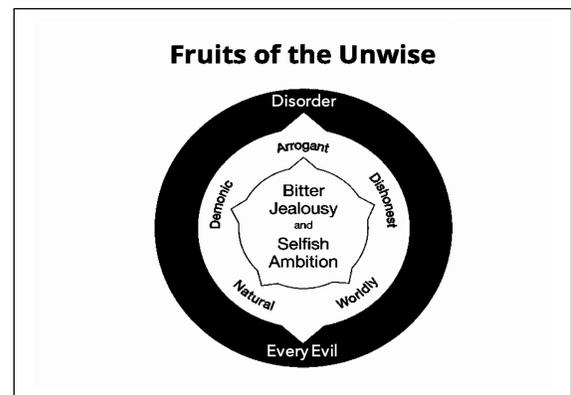
Genesis 3:5 God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 the tree was desirable to make one wise

1 Timothy 4:1 the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons

3rd The C_____ of false wisdom 16

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.



TAKE HOME:

- A. Comes from a B_____ -again heart
- B. Comes to a B_____ -saturated doer of the Word who prays about everything
- C. Comes to a B_____ Christian who desires to reject earthly wisdom
- D. Comes to a B_____ who desires God's best over what they want

QUESTIONS for GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What do the people of the world think when they hear the word wisdom?
2. What is a good biblical definition of wisdom? Why should Christians want to develop wisdom?
3. Describe the difference between human wisdom and God's wisdom.
4. In what ways do Christians buy into the wisdom of this world over God's wisdom?
5. What steps do believers need to take to grow in God's wisdom?
6. What steps will you take this week to live by the wisdom from above?

