

Scripture Reading for James 3:13-18
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the
cleverness of the clever I will set aside."*

Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater
of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

*For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did
not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the
foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*

For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but
we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to
Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews
and Greeks, Christ the power of God and wisdom of God.

*Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the
weakness of God is stronger than men.*

For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise
according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble.

*But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the
wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame
the things which are strong.*

And the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen,
the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,
so that no man may boast before God.

*But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us
wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and
redemption.*

So that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the
Lord."

Through the New Testament
James 3:13-18
"The Two Wisdoms"

Introduction: James forces us to ask,

"What does it mean to be a _____?"

"What does it mean to fulfill _____?"

Reject wisdom that is "_____."

The characteristics of wisdom that is *not from above*:

1. Its origins are earthly, natural and _____.
2. It results in bitter jealousy and _____.
3. It fosters _____.
4. It is expressed through lies against _____.

Seek wisdom that is "_____."

The characteristics of wisdom that is *from above*:

1. Its origin is _____.
2. It results in purity, mercy and _____.
3. It fosters peace and _____.
4. It is expressed with gentleness and _____.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee,
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee, be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance
Upon thee and give thee peace.
("The Lord Bless Thee" by Chuck Butler)