

A **Tale** of
Two
WISDOMS
James
3:13-18

1. True (Godly) wisdom begins with and is rooted in a **FEAR** of the **LORD**. (Leviticus 19:14; Deuteronomy 10:12; Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, 14:27, 19:23; Psalm 111:10; Job 28:28; Jeremiah 5:22; Acts 9:31; Hebrews 4:13, 12:28-29)
2. Godly wisdom is displayed in **HUMILITY**, while worldly wisdom is displayed in **PRIDE**. (Proverbs 11:2, 27:4; Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:5, 11:29, 21:5; Romans 2:8; 1 Corinthians 3:3, 8:1, 13:2, 14:33; Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 2:3; Colossians 3:12; James 4:10; 1 John 1:6)
3. Worldly 'wisdom' is **NOT WISDOM** at all. (Proverbs 3:7, 14:12; Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 3:18-19; Colossians 2:8; 1 John 2:15-17)
4. Worldly wisdom **OPPOSES JESUS** and is influenced by **DEMONS**. (Genesis 11:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Matthew 7:21-22; John 8:23; Romans 1:28-32; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 3:5-9; 1 Timothy 1:9-10)
5. Godly wisdom is consistent with the **HEART** of God and yields **HOLY** and righteous **LIVING**. (Proverbs 2:6; James 2:1,13; Matthew 5:9, 7:5; Luke 6:44; Romans 11:33; 1 Corinthians 2:6; Ephesians 5:15-16; Colossians 2:2-3, 3:2)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." What is the fear of the Lord? What is it not? How are we to live with a healthy fear of the Lord?
3. Share some examples in daily life where we see Godly Wisdom and Worldly 'Wisdom' clashing. What makes worldly wisdom so alluring? What can make Godly Wisdom so challenging?
4. In what ways/areas is selfish ambition a struggle for you? What kind of damage have you experienced in your life because of it? What can we do to resist selfish ambition?
5. Of the characteristics of Godly wisdom listed in verse 17, with which one (or two) do you struggle the most? Why? What changes do you need to make to be able to grow in these areas?
6. Verse 18 tells us that "those who sow in peace" will reap a "harvest of righteousness." What does it mean to sow in peace? What are the qualities of a peacemaker?