

THE TWO KINDS OF WISDOM

What is wisdom?

"In human terms, wisdom is the capacity in knowledge and skills that a person has. And in divine terms: It is the character of Christ, an absolute attribute that only God possesses.

Let's read James 3:13-18 *"If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind."*

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."

As we can see both earthly and heavenly wisdom are totally opposite, and very easy to be identified.

SEE:

How is the person who has earthly wisdom like?

How is the person who has heavenly wisdom like?

Where does earthly wisdom come from?

Where does heavenly wisdom come from?

JUDGE:

How can earthly and spiritual wisdom be identified in a person's life?

What results or consequences do both produce?

ACT:

Share an example where in dealing with others both wisdoms were present at some point in your life.

What do you think you need to be able to put into practice in your life, the wisdom from above according to this passage?