

Dangerous wisdom

True wisdom will be displayed by how we live - James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

Godly wisdom is not the wisdom of the world and not known by the world - 1Cor 2:1-8 - When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. 6 **WE DO, HOWEVER, SPEAK A MESSAGE OF WISDOM AMONG THE MATURE, BUT NOT THE WISDOM OF THIS AGE OR OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE, WHO ARE COMING TO NOTHING.** 7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Wisdom without Christ is worthless - 1 Cor 1:20-25 - 20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 **For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him**, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

God purposely chose the less talented in the world and the not very significant in the world in order that "self" wouldn't get in the way -1 Cor 1:26-31 - 26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things — and the things that are not — to nullify the things that are, 29 **so that no one may boast before him.** 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.** 31 Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

Worldly wisdom tries to impress, while Godly wisdom edifies from God - 2 Cor 1:12-13 - 12 Now **this is our boast:** Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so **not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace.** 13 For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand.

The words of Wisdom are taught by God and displayed spiritually - 1 Cor 2:13-14 - 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

How to obtain Godly Wisdom

We must first fear God - Ps 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Ask God for it - James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

We must eliminate worldly wisdom in order to attain real wisdom - 1 Cor 3:18-19 - 18 **Do not deceive yourselves.** If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness";

To know what Godly wisdom is we must recognize its characteristics - James 3:17 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.**

Pure - Based on God's Word not added to or taken from

Peace Loving - Looking to make peace without compromise

Considerate – Understanding and respectful of others

Submissive – Recognizing others in reference to self, based on Christ

Mercy – forgiving when not deserved

Fruit - Spiritual

Impartial – unbiased, no favorites whatsoever

Sincere – Truly based on God