

MASTERED
BY WISDOM



Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is the principal thing;
Therefore get wisdom. And in all
your getting, get understanding.



James 3:13-15

Who is wise and understanding among you?

Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.



James 3:16-17

¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.



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1 / EARTHLY

Driven by worldly values
and fleshly thinking.

**2 / SENSUAL,
UNSPIRITUAL**

Controlled by human emotions
rather than God's Spirit.

3 / DEMONIC

Influenced by rebellion,
division, and pride.



FALSE
WISDOM
SAYS

"Promote yourself."

"Protect your image."

"Win at all cost."

"Be better than everyone else."



HEAVENLY WISDOM IS

PURE Morally clean, free from hidden motives.

PEACEABLE Seeks reconciliation instead of conflict.

GENTLE Considerate and understanding.

SUBMISSIVE Teachable, not stubborn or prideful.

FULL OF MERCY Compassionate toward others.

FULL OF GOOD FRUIT Produces visible fruits of righteousness.

IMPARTIAL Fair and unbiased.

SINCERE Genuine, not hypocritical.



7 AREAS
WE MUST BE
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James 1:1-4

James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings. ² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.



James 1:5-8

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



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Proverbs 17:22

A merry heart does good, like medicine,
But a broken spirit dries the bones.

(THE PASSION TRANSLATION)

A joyful, cheerful heart brings healing to
both body and soul. But the one whose
heart is crushed struggles with
sickness and depression.



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Nehemiah 8:10

...for the joy of the Lord is
your strength.



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James 1:3-4

Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

'Patience' — Hupomone (Greek)

Cheerful endurance,
constancy,
perseverance.



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2 Thessalonians 1:4

So that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure...



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Daniel 2:21

He gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those who
have understanding.



James 1:13-15

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.



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2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.



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John 14:30

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.



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Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy...



James 1:19-21

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;
²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²⁰ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.



3 WISDOM IS
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Matthew 13:9

He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

'Hear' — Akuono (Greek)

To harken,
to pay close attention,
to listen.



3 WISDOM IS
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Proverbs 1:5

A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel.

'Hear' — Shema (Hebrew)

Pay attention,
listen,
to obey.



4 WISDOM IS
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Proverbs 10:19

In the multitude of words sin is
not lacking, But he who restrains
his lips is wise.



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Proverbs 17:27-28

He who has knowledge spares his words,
and a man of understanding is of a calm
spirit. ²⁸ Even a fool is counted wise when
he holds his peace; When he shuts his
lips, he is considered perceptive.



MAKING VOWS TO GOD

Ecclesiastes 5:1-3

Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. ² Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few. ³ For a dream comes through much activity, and a fool's voice is known by his many words.



MAKING VOWS TO GOD

Ecclesiastes 5:4-6

⁴ When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed—

⁵ Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. ⁶ Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands?"



CRITICISING OTHERS

It slays the speaker.

It slays the one *to* whom
it is spoken.

It slays the one *of* whom
it is spoken.



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Psalm 103:8

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.



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Galatians 5:20

Idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions,
jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish
ambitions, dissensions, heresies...



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Colossians 3:8

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.



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Proverbs 14:29

He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but he who is impulsive exalts folly.

(THE PASSION TRANSLATION)

When your heart overflows with understanding you'll be very slow to get angry. But if you have a quick temper, your impatience will be quickly seen by all.



James 1:22-25

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.



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Matthew 7:24-25

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:
²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.



6 WISDOM IS
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Matthew 7:26-27

²⁶ But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.



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Romans 2:13

For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified...



James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.



7 WISDOM IS
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Deuteronomy 10:17-18

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. ¹⁸ He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

