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Lesson 17: The Wisdom of the World VS. the Wisdom of God (3:13-18) (pt 2)

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	WISDOM OF THE WORLD	WISDOM FROM ABOVE
1	EARTHLY Compromising, double-minded	PURE Uncompromising, no admixture
2	SENSUAL Living according to how you feel, emotional, no peace	PEACEABLE Perfect peace, not moved by your feelings, in harmony with God and His word.
3	DEVILISH Enjoying destruction, murder, abuse, torture, etc.	GENTLE Loving and caring for one another sacrificially.
4	ENVY (evidence of worldly wisdom) Bitter or jealous when somebody gets something that you don't have. A selfish need to be first.	EASY TO BE ENTREATED (approach with a request of a petition) Happy to help others, not easily annoyed or bothered by what other people do to you. Interested in the betterment of other people.
5	STRIFE (evidence of worldly wisdom) Always in disagreements, arguments, disputes, debates, controversies, and contentions with others individuals or other groups.	FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUITS Mercy: withholding judgment or punishment or censure (criticism) that is deserved. Good fruits: Ephesians 5:22-23
6	RESULTS IN CONFUSION Having respect of persons causes confusion (James 2:1-9)	WITHOUT PARTIALITY Treating everyone with equal kindness and respect and goodness.
7	RESULTS IN EVERY EVIL WORK A hypocrite (two face) tends to stray toward every evil when they're away from godly people.	WITHOUT HYPOCRISY Godly in church and out of church every day. Never needing to pretend.

Earthy, sensual, devilish	<p>The three enemies of the Christian:</p> <p>Earth: love yourself; get all you can for yourself (1 John 2:15-16). Flesh: love yourself (Eph 5:29). Devil: I will ascend (Isaiah 14:13-14)</p> <p>The cost: Purity, peace, gentleness.</p>
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1 Corinthians 3:1-4 The carnal Christian is occupied with envy and strife which leads to divisions. Knowledge is not the problem. The problem is that they're looking to the wisdom that makes them conform to the world, put themselves first, and brag like the devil. Their conversation (manner of living) is no different from an unsaved person.

Galatians 5:19-25 Included in the list of the works of the flesh is variance (letting differences cause disputes), strife, and envyings. Christians need to learn to walk in the Spirit so they can produce the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, etc.). Worldly wisdom won't produce that. You need the wisdom from above.

PEACEABLE

- Romans 5:1** Those who are justified by faith have peace WITH God through Jesus Christ.
- Philippians 4:6-7** Trusting God with the details of your life through prayer will give you the peace OF God.
- Romans 12:18** After you're at peace *with* God and have the peace *of* God, you'll be able to learn how to live peaceably with *men*.
- Isaiah 32:17** The work of righteousness shall be peace.
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GENTLE

- 2 Timothy 2:23-25** The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men. —A person with wisdom from above will be able to avoid strife and gently control situations where someone opposes them so that the opponent becomes an ally.
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FULL OF MERCY

- Ephesians 2:4-5** God is rich in mercy.
- Luke 6:35-36** The Lord Jesus commands us to be merciful, as our Father also is merciful. The world's wisdom teaches us to hate and fight our enemies. The wisdom from above teaches us to be kind to those who are evil (Prov 25:21, Rom 12:20).
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