

“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.” **Charles Spurgeon**

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**James 1:1(NKJV)** James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad:

### **Greetings.**

**James 1:2-4(NKJV)** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its **perfect** work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

**James 1:5 (NKJV)** 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.**

**Psalms 51:6 (NKJV)** Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part **You will make me to know wisdom.**

**Psalms 111:10(NKJV)** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

**Proverbs 1:7(NKJV)** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Proverbs 2:6(NKJV)** For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

**Proverbs 8:11(NKJV)** For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

**Proverbs 16:16(NKJV)** How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

**Ephesians 1:17(NKJV)** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

**James 1:5-8(NKJV)** 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. 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. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**James 1:6-8 (NLT)** <sup>6</sup> But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> **Their loyalty is divided between God and the world**, and they are unstable in everything they do.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

**James 3:13-16(NKJV)** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show **by good conduct** that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, **confusion and every evil thing are there.**

**Bitter envying**

Strife in the heart

**Glory in profession** (TLB) 14 And by all means don't brag about being wise and good if you are bitter and jealous and selfish; that is the worst sort of lie. James 3:14

**Earthly, having this life only in view**

Sensual, living only to satisfy the animal appetites

**Devilish, inspired by demons**

Confusion

**Every evil work, or practice and workings of evil**

**James 3:17-18(NKJV)** 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. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

- Pure, chaste, Holy
- Peaceable
- Gentle
- Considerable, submissive. Not stubborn or obstinate, but yielding to others
- Full of Mercy
- Full of good fruits
- Without partiality
- Sincere

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**James 3:18 (NLT)** And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

**Colossians 1:9(NIV)** For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

**1 John 5:14-15(NKJV)** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

**Proverbs 3:19-20(NIV)** By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place; by his knowledge the deeps were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.