

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. James 3:13 (NIV)

Who Is Wise?

I wouldn't quickly raise my hand on that question. **You wouldn't quickly raise your hand on what question?** I wouldn't quickly raise my hand to say that I am wise. **Why is that?** I have made more than my share of dumb mistakes, foolish missteps and unwise decisions. I can't tell you how many times I have thought and said and done what was truly unwise. At times, I have thought I was quite gifted at putting my foot in my mouth. **Then it seems to me that you have the beginnings of wisdom within you.** How is that? How can that be? **What have you admitted? What are you abundantly aware of? What do you know without a doubt?** I have admitted that I am unwise. I am abundantly aware of my own lack of wisdom. I know without a doubt that I need wisdom. **Where did such an awareness of your lack of wisdom come from?** I would guess that you have helped me to see my own lack of wisdom. **You guess?** No, I know that you have helped me to see that I need wisdom. **Why do you suppose I have allowed you to see your own lack of wisdom?** You want to change me. You want to make me wise. You want me to be able to think and speak and act in ways that are wise. You want my life to demonstrate your wisdom in the world. **Yes, I do. Your understanding is correct. So, recap from me what you know.** I know I am unwise. I know you have helped me to see that I am unwise. I know you want to make me wise. I know you want to work in and through me in ways that will demonstrate your wisdom in the world. I know I can ask for you to help me to be wise in all that I think, say and do. **Yes, you can.** You will be my source of wisdom. **Yes, I will.** **What word would you use to describe your willingness to admit your need for wisdom?** I would use the word humility. **So then, can you now agree with me that you have the beginnings of wisdom in you?** Yes, I can. **That's good.** Thank you for helping me to humbly see that I desperately need wisdom. **You are welcome.**

Now, the beginning of wisdom starts with an attitude of humility. You will receive wisdom as you humbly come to rely on me. But how will your life demonstrate my wisdom in the world? How will people be able to see my wisdom in operation in the world? Not only by the wise thoughts you give me. Wise thoughts are a starting point. I need your wise thoughts in me to be sure. But wisdom is demonstrated by wise words and wise actions. You want to give me wise thoughts to think, wise words to speak and wise actions to take. **Yes, I do. Will you think and speak and act according to the wisdom I give you?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good. Then my wisdom will be demonstrated in the world.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, give me your wisdom and understanding. Help me to live a life of humility that demonstrates your wisdom to the world. Help me to be wise in all that I think, say and do. Help me to live a life of love and service to others. Help me to pattern my life after yours. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Who Is Wise?*

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.

NIV James 3:13

Becoming Like Christ *Who Is Wise?*

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

ESV James 3:13

Becoming Like Christ *If You Are Wise*

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.

NLT James 3:13

Becoming Like Christ *Who Is Wise?*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

NKJV James 3:13

Becoming Like Christ *Who Is Wise?*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

NRSV James 3:13

Becoming Like Christ *Be Counted Wise?*

Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts.

MSG James 3:13

Becoming Like Christ *Who Is Wise?*

Who is there among you who is wise and intelligent? Then let him by his noble living show forth his [good] works with the [unobtrusive] humility [which is the proper attribute] of true wisdom.

AMP James 3:13

Becoming Like Christ *If You Are Wise*

If you are wise, live a life of steady goodness so that only good deeds will pour forth. And if you don't brag about them, then you will be truly wise!

TLB James 3:13

Becoming Like Christ *Who Is Wise?*

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

NASB James 3:13

Becoming Like Christ *Truly Wise?*

Are there those among you who are truly wise and understanding? Then they should show it by living right and doing good things with a gentleness that comes from wisdom.

NCV James 3:13

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Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – James 3:13

In Context: *Read James 3*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How is the wisdom of the world often in direct opposition to wisdom that comes from God?

Why is it dangerous for you to consider yourself to be a wise person?

Why do you desperately need wisdom from God to guide your thoughts, words and actions?

What has helped or hindered your ability to ask for and receive wisdom from God?

When have you set aside your thoughts and plans to ask for wisdom from God?

How have your thoughts and words and actions changed as you received wisdom from God?

How has your life demonstrated wisdom to the world because you received wisdom for God?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to make you wise in all that you think, say and do, so you can demonstrate His wisdom in the world.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you think and speak and act wisely so you can demonstrate His wisdom in the world.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has helped you to demonstrate His wisdom in the world.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

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James 3

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Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May all that you think, say, and do demonstrate wisdom.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, help me to think, say and do what is wise.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you help me to think, say and do what is wise?
