

Heavenly Wisdom—James 3:13-18

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What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom? Knowledge is knowing tomatoes are a type of fruit. Wisdom is not putting tomatoes in a fruit salad!

A common definition of wisdom is skillful living, but the Biblical perspective of wisdom goes beyond skillful to seeking God's guidance on all aspects of life. That is why James writes, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you" (James 1:5). Seeking God's wisdom requires humility to align ourselves to His paths, letting God shape our approach to life and planning.

It also means turning away from worldly wisdom that is overly self-focused and does not seek to bless others. Later in his writing, James points to the clear contrast of the fruit resulting from heavenly wisdom and its impact on others (James 3:13-18):

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it ... the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James reminds us that when we seek God's wisdom, our leadership and planning will be a blessing to others!

Please join me in our opening prayer. Heavenly Father thank You for Your Word which invites us to seek heavenly wisdom. For the blessing of the thousands of families who represent WWT throughout the world, please grant this board and management team Your wisdom, which is pure, peace-loving, and considerate. Open our hearts and minds to receive Your guidance and grace. I pray this with humble respect for all faiths and backgrounds, in the name of Jesus. AMEN.