

JAMES
Pt. 7 - WISDOM
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The Tests of Living Faith

Hebrews, who clearly understood
that true wisdom was not intellectual,
but behavioral.

James 3:13-18 (NASB)

^[13] Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

^[14] But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

^[15] This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

^[16] For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

^[17] But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

^[18] And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

SOLOMON

1 Kings 3:5-13 (NASB)

^[5] In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, "Ask what *you wish* Me to give you."

^[6] Then Solomon said, "You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness

and uprightness of heart toward You; and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

^[7] "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

^[8] Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted.

^[9] So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

^[10] It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

^[11] God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself,

nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice,

^[12] behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

^[13] I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days."

Proverbs 9:10 (NASB)

^[10] The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 15:33 (NASB)

^[33] The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor *comes* humility.

2 Peter 1:2-4 (NASB)

^[2] Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

^[3] seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

^[4] For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.