

2 Kinds of Wisdom
(A Character Test for Teachers)
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The following study was done using E-Sword, utilizing: The James Strong's Concordance, The Bible in Basic English, The Literal Version of the Bible (Jay Green) and The King James Version of the Bible.

Its purpose is to provide a framework through which a person may rightly judge the spiritual source of wisdom coming to them through a given teacher, and may be used as a character test for what the Bible calls, "instructors," i.e. teachers, masters, and/or doctors (in the Body of Christ).

James 3:1, 13-18 (Scriptures directly quoted are from the KJV)

"My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation."

The wisdom not from above:

- comes from those with bitter envy and strife in their hearts
- exults itself and utters an untruth against the truth
- is not from an eternal or infinite perspective
- is worldly or earthly
- is natural (as distinct from heavenly or supernatural)

i.e. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Corinthians 2:14)

- is demonic or demon-like
- can be found where there is/bears the fruit of:
- instability, disorder, confusion
- every kind of foul deed

Again, a person full of envy and strife bears this kind of fruit. Their wisdom is not holy and heavenly, but worldly and natural; it does not come from an eternal perspective but a demonic one; this kind of wisdom exults itself and talks falsely in opposition to what is true.

In contrast,

The wisdom from above is:

- first pure, innocent, modest, perfect, chaste, clean
- thereafter pacific, salutary, peaceable
- appropriate, gentle, patient
- good for persuasion, easy to be intreated
- full to the brim of compassion and good fruit, replete with tender mercy and beneficial fruit
- impartial
- sincere, unfeigned, without hypocrisy

The fruit of righteousness is planted in peace for those making peace.