

WISDOM DEMONSTRATED

(Matthew 7:21 – 29)

INTRODUCTION - (James 3:13) **“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.”**

“Wisdom / wise” - understanding; a right use of the mind; to perceive or acknowledge.

The Bible gives praise to “wisdom” - (Job 28:17-18) **“... for the price of wisdom is above rubies”**
(Ecclesiastes 9:16) **“Wisdom is better than strength”**
(Proverbs 3:13-15) **“Happy is the man who finds wisdom ... “**

4 MARKS OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM

1. FEAR GOD - (Proverbs 9:10) **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding”**

“Fear of the Lord” is defined in 3 ways: 1) Be in awe of God (Psalm 33:8) **“Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him”**
2) To exercise caution on our part (Proverbs 3:7) **“Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and depart from evil”** 3) To really tremble (Hebrews 10:30-31)
“ ... It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God”

(Proverbs 1:7) **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction”**

2. OBEY GOD - (Ecc. 12:13-14) **“ ... Fear God and keep His commandments ... “**

(Psalm 128:1) **“Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways”**

Jesus identifies **“wisdom”** to this mark: (Matthew 7:24) **“Therefore whoever hears these words of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man ... “**

(James 1:22) **“be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”**

3. WIN SOULS (OTHERS) TO GOD - (Proverbs 11:30) **“ ... he who wins souls is wise”**

(2 Cor. 5:11) **“Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men ... “**

(James 5:18-19) and (Mark 16:15-16) - reach out to others with a soul-saving message.

4. PREPARING TO MEET YOUR GOD

In life, we recognize the importance of disaster-preparedness - emergency kits, emergency responders in place, warning signs and labels, drills, 911, ...

Spiritually, a mark of wisdom is to prepare to avoid disaster, the wrath of God.

(Amos 4:11-12) **“ ... prepare to meet your God”**
(Matthew 25:1-4) **“ ... but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps”**
(v13) **“Watch therefore, for ... “**