

Wise Up!
Traction- Part 7
James 3:13-18
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Wise People...

1. DISCERN THE VALUE OF GODLY WISDOM.

"Who is wise and understanding among you?" James 3:13

"Wise people store up knowledge..." Proverbs 10:14a

"Prepare your minds for action..." 1 Peter 1:13

"Great men are not always wise, nor do the aged always understand justice." Job 32:9

"Get wisdom, Get understanding..." Proverbs 4:5a

"Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding." Proverbs 23:23

"Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them..." Hosea 14:9a

2. DETECT THE VOID OF GODLY WISDOM.

"But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there." James 3:14-16

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." Proverbs 14:12

3. DEMONSTRATE THE VIRTUES OF GODLY WISDOM.

- **If I'm Wise, I Will Not...**

- **Compromise my integrity. "...pure..."**

"People with integrity walk safely..." Proverbs 10:9a

- **Antagonize your anger. "...peaceable..."**

"Any fool can start arguments. The wise thing is to stay out of them." Proverbs 20:3

"A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes?" Proverbs 14:29

- **Minimize your feelings. "...gentle..."**

"Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit." Proverbs 15:4

- **Criticize your suggestions. "...willing to yield..."**

- **Emphasize your mistakes. "...full of mercy and good fruits..."**

"Love forgets mistakes. Nagging about them, parts even the best of friends." Proverbs 17:9

- **Disguise my own weakness. "...without partiality and without hypocrisy..."**

"You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins." Proverbs 28:13

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." James 1:5

"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple." Psalms 19:7

"In Him, (Jesus) lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:3