

Who Among You is Wise?  
James 3:13-18  
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Stand up if you're wise! Feels like a trick, doesn't it? Are you presumptuous if you stand? Who can claim to be wise? None of you are standing, why not? Js 3:13-18 is a section all about wisdom. Some would say this is the central theme of the entire book, an ultimate test of true faith: Who do we trust for our wisdom? Who do we trust for wisdom about decisions we make & how we live our life? Do we live by the wisdom of the world or by the wisdom of God? Are we self-centered & earthly-minded or God-centered & heavenly-minded? James wants us to know we don't have to look any further to answer that question than to look at what our behavior shows. Look at how you live your life & you'll find the answer.

In chpt 2, James said faith without works is dead & without fruit. If there's no fruit of the Spirit in our life, don't assume the Holy Spirit indwells you. If there's no real fruit, there's no real faith. In 3:1-12 he talks about the tongue & the fact that speech problems are a symptom of heart problems. He uses the image of fruit to say what's produced is consistent with the nature of the tree. By implication, inner change must take place before any lasting change occurs in our speech. True faith shows up in works (2:14-26), in words (3:1-12), & in wisdom. **13-18** PRAY

**1. The Deeds of Wisdom** (13) Most of us experienced *show & tell* in school where we'd bring something to show & tell others about. Somehow we've gotten the idea that Christianity is just *tell* & the *show* part isn't important. As long as we say the right things & know the right answers, we're all right. As we've been around church we learn the right lingo & somehow think we're doing good. James argues it isn't just what you know but what you show. The truly wise or understanding person doesn't have to tell you they're wise, you can see it in their life. James has argued again & again that when someone is a true Christian, it will show in how he lives his life (12, 14-16, 18b). There's a true & false religion (1:26-27), a true & false faith (2:14-26), & a true & false wisdom (3:13-18). The 1<sup>st</sup> time the word **wisdom** appears in the NT, Jesus says **wisdom is vindicated** (shown to be right) **by her deeds** (Mt 11:19). Your life demonstrates whether or not you have wisdom or

what type of wisdom you're following. The word **understanding** is used only here in the NT. It has the idea of a specialist & no one becomes a specialist by accident. **13**

In our language & culture, **wise & understanding** often refer to what we've learned. We know what we need for a test but then is quickly forgotten. But in the Bible, **understanding** & being **wise** was determined by your life, not by what you know. What's the difference between **wise & understanding**? Someone explained it this way: **Understanding** is knowing a tomato is a fruit. *Wisdom* is knowing not to put tomatoes in fruit salad. What deeds does the **wise & understanding** person do? It's the skillful practice & application of God's truth in everyday life. It's easy to claim to have wisdom. James says, *Show me your wisdom by your life*. What does it look like when someone has godly wisdom? James adds the phrase **the gentleness of wisdom**, which the NIV translates **deeds done in the gentleness (humility, meekness) of wisdom**. In Mt 5:7 Jesus used this word when He said, **Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth**. This is part of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5). If someone is truly saved this should be within them & flowing from them. This isn't a human temperament or personality. In fact, this isn't natural but supernatural. Jesus said, **Take My yoke upon you & learn from Me, for I am gentle & humble in heart** (Mt 11:29). Jesus not only tells us that **meek, gentle, humble** people will be blessed, He tells us how we can be that kind of person. He offers to transfer our heavy yoke for His lighter load of grace. Jesus ...

*...promises that if we consciously yoke ourselves to Him, we will learn meekness & humility & will find rest for our souls. In Biblical times a young ox was yoked to an older, experienced ox, so the older might train him to perform properly. By bearing the same yoke, the untrained ox learned the proper pace & how to heed the direction of the master. Jesus calls us to yoke ourselves to Him.<sup>1</sup>*

Meekness isn't weakness, it's strength under the control of a gentle & humble person. No one had more power than Jesus, but in His great wisdom He rarely chose to exercise His great strength. Meekness & gentleness are the opposite of harshness, vengefulness, ambition, & lack of self-control.<sup>2</sup> The word for **gentleness** occurs in non-biblical literature to describe a horse that had been broken & trained to submit to a bridle. It pictures strength under control, specifically the Holy Spirit's control. The evidence of this attitude in Scripture is a deliberate placing of oneself under

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<sup>1</sup> Kent Hughes, *James*, p 153

<sup>2</sup> *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*, p 545

divine authority. In fact, the other time James uses this word is in 1:21 where he tells us, **in humility, receive the Word implanted**. True wisdom is based on knowledge but it's more than knowledge. It's the ability to live in a manner pleasing to God because you understand His truth & live in constant submission to His Spirit. James would agree with Calvin when he said the chief rule of Christianity is humility, & the 2<sup>nd</sup> most important precept of the Christian religion is humility, & the 3<sup>rd</sup> is again, humility.<sup>3</sup> But vs 14 warns of ...

## **2. False Wisdom 14**

The command not to be arrogant or boast reminds us of Jer 9:23-24 which says, **Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, & let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands & knows Me, that I am the LORD**. Even if you are truly wise, don't be arrogant & boast about what you know. Boast only about Who you know & what He's done in allowing you, a sinner, to come to Him by the miracle of His grace. A heart that knows something of the meek & lowly Savior must have something of His meek & lowly attitude if it truly knows Him at all. Is 66:2 says God looks with favor on those who are **humble, contrite of spirit, & who tremble at His Word**. The opposite of that is **bitter jealousy** which leads to **selfish ambition**. The word originally referred to gaining office by dishonest means. It describes someone whose desire to get ahead leads them to abandon all morality, break all the rules, & do whatever it takes. If the heart of a person is dominated by arrogance, pride, envy, **bitter jealousy**, or self-seeking, any claim to know the Lord & His wisdom is a lie. We must always be on guard against the pride that so easily creeps in. If we start parading our knowledge or using it to put others down, we aren't displaying godly wisdom. We're lying **against the truth**. The sense is if a man who's motivated by jealousy & ambition gets up & arrogantly berates others & proclaims how much he knows, his actions are giving lie to the truth he professes. The worst lie is to deceive yourself into thinking you're saved, because of intellectual knowledge or some experience while your heart is wicked, unrepentant, & selfish. Until we empty ourselves & humbly bow before the Lord who emptied Himself & bowed His head in death for sinners who trust Him, until then we'll

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<sup>3</sup> *Institutes*, 2:223

never experience the grace that replaces bitterness with blessedness, self with the Savior, & God's wrath with Christ's righteousness.

Where are these sins of **bitter jealousy & selfish ambition**? **In your heart**. The fruit on a tree will always be bad if the tree is bad. Consistently bad fruit indicates a bad heart that needs to come to the cross of Jesus who is the Great Physician who alone can give a new heart. Notice too the word **bitter**, it's also used in vs 11 for foul-tasting water. Here it's used of a bitter or harsh attitude, which also leaves a bad taste in the mouth. & a **bitter** heart is displeasing to our God who ultimately is the One who hasn't allowed things to go the way you'd like or that you enviously wish were different. These sins aren't only against one another but are against God Himself. Worldly wisdom doesn't seek God's glory. It's rooted in selfishness & pride. **15**

Where does this false wisdom come from? Not from above! **A.** James says this wisdom is **earthly** or earth-bound. Those with this wisdom are those who set their minds on things below, not on things above. They store up treasures on earth, not in heaven. A synonym for **earthly** would be *worldly*. The world & its wisdom will never get to the true source of our problem (sin) nor the true solution (salvation). Whatever doesn't have God's Word behind it is not God's wisdom. If our worldview is informed by worldly insights we're worldly. **As a man thinks in his heart, so is he** (Prov 23:7). So what thinking fills your heart? Look at your life & what it's filled with. Unless you're saturating your mind with God's thinking & running everything through that grid, you are, whether you realize it or not, being conformed to this world (Rom 12:2). Jude, the brother of James, used the phrase **worldly-minded** in his letter (18) to describe those who live by & follow their ungodly desires. Paul told Timothy to avoid worldly & empty chatter & the arguments of what is falsely called **knowledge** (1 Tim 6:20). It's false because it's from the earth not from heaven. Not only is this wisdom *worldly*, it's also **B. natural** or **unspiritual**. The word has the root word we get the word *psychology* from. You may think more with this worldly wisdom than you realize if you buy into all that psychology teaches. Do you base your life on man's **unspiritual** wisdom or on God's spiritual wisdom? Vs 14 spoke of the heart of envy & selfishness. Vs 16 takes it further to it's result. **16**

When Paul told the Corinthians about the problems in their church, he said, **God is not a God of confusion but of peace** (1 Cor 14:33). The word **confusion** is the same word that's here translated **disorder**. This **confusion & disorder** is sure to break out in churches where people are pursuing their own selfish concerns rather than the good of the church. Why? Because they're following man's wisdom not God's. Worldly wisdom says that the way of the cross is foolishness; that there's a better way. It was worldly, natural, or unspiritual wisdom that was at work in Peter when Jesus talked about going to the cross & suffering & dying. Peter told Him not to talk that way. In other words, Peter's wisdom was better. Do you remember what Jesus said? **Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man** (Mt 16:23 ESV). Which brings us to the final description of man's wisdom in vs 15. It isn't only earthly & natural; it's also C. demonic. When Peter was setting his mind on the things of man above the things of God, he was speaking wisdom straight from the lips of demons. At the end of vs 6, James said the sinful tongue is set on fire by hell. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, he tried to present another way for Jesus without the cross. He said Jesus could get the kingdoms of this world if He'd worship Satan (which was of course a lie). Satan even used & quoted God's words in his demonic wisdom. When Satan 1<sup>st</sup> appears in the Bible with Eve, what does he tempt her with? False wisdom, a better way than what God had said. False wisdom is earthly, natural, & demonic. It's of the world, the flesh, & the devil (Eph 2:1-3). As 1 Jn 2:16 says, **all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, & the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world**. If we stand back & look at these vss we see a clear progression. What starts with wrong attitudes (14), leads to actions that are earthly, unspiritual, & devilish (15), which plunges the church into disorder & spiritual sickness (16). These things happen because our hearts aren't filled with Christ but with our own desires.

**3. True Wisdom** Vs 17 begins with the little phrase, **the wisdom from above...** This reminds us of Js 1:17, **Every good thing given & every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights**. To say true wisdom is from above is to say it's from God the Father. It emphasizes it's completely outside of us & not something from, or found in, this world. The wisdom of vs 17 isn't

revealed by the world, the flesh, or the devil. It's not found inside us or around us, it's above us. God's ways are not our ways. Over in 1 Cor 1 we see maybe the best contrast between the 2 types of wisdom. Paul is writing to a Greek culture that idolized those they thought to be wise or good with words. But Christianity's exclusive claims & its counter-cultural message is so counter-intuitive to worldly wisdom, it's seen as foolishly ridiculous.

**Where is the wise man? ... the scribe? ... the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe... but to those who are the called, ... Christ the power of God & the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, & the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh... But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God...**

**2:1 -- & when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom (what man considers wisdom or skillful rhetoric)... & my message & my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit & of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory... which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit (1:20-21, 24-26, 30; 2:1, 4-8, 13)**

There's a clear contrast between God's wisdom & ways vs man's. God's wisdom & God's Word are sufficient for us & we don't need worldly wisdom. As Ps 1:1 says, the blessed man **does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly**. But for so many Christians that's right where they go when they have problems instead of immersing themselves in God's Word & **meditating on it day & night**. It's the person who delights in what Scripture says who will be firmly planted & fruitful & spiritually growing & helping others.

Vs 13 says that when someone is truly wise it shows in their behavior, in a life with right attitudes & actions. & vs 17 shows more specifically what that looks like. There are 8 characteristics of true wisdom here. If you cultivate these & see these growing in your life, you're growing in wisdom.

**A. First Pure** This isn't only the 1<sup>st</sup> characteristic on the list, it's an overarching term or umbrella which all the others are under. God's wisdom is **pure** 1<sup>st</sup> & foremost. It's holy, undefiled, & unmixed. We don't just want to take the world's wisdom & tweak it or mix in some of God's ways. We want the unmixed, pure wisdom of God resulting in pure lives & hearts in us. Ps 12:6 says, **The words of**

the LORD are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined 7x. You can't get more pure wisdom from a more pure source. *It's no accident that James said, "first pure." He means exactly that. 1<sup>st</sup> & foremost, the wisdom that comes from God must be pure.*<sup>4</sup> It's not just outward purity, but purity of heart. That's the way NT writers use it. Wise words come from a heart that's been cleansed of error, moral impurity, bitter jealousy, selfish ambition, & ulterior motives. Our words are a reflection of what goes on inside us, so if our hearts are impure, our words will betray us. We may be able to fake it for awhile, but eventually the truth will be known.<sup>5</sup>

The root word is used in 4:8 where it says, **purify your hearts, you double-minded.** Pharisees, false religions, & legalistic Christians foolishly focus on looking pure on the outside. But a truly wise person will focus on purifying his heart & repenting of any double-mindedness or inconsistency in his life. Being **pure** is being free from any **jealousy** or **selfish ambition**. It's focusing on our motives. If we seek wisdom so we can lord it over others or use it for our own advantage, it isn't pure godly wisdom. Our motive for seeking wisdom or using wisdom must always be to glorify God & to build up others. Phil 4:8 tells us,

**Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence & if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned & received & heard & seen in me, practice these things, & the God of peace will be with you.**

Which brings us to...

**B. Peaceable** As we choose to set our mind on or dwell on what is **pure &** as we put it into practice as doers, wisdom cultivates purity as well as peace. The word order is important: **pure, then peaceable.** James isn't talking about peace at any cost, peace at the expense of purity or truth, or compromising holiness for the sake of superficial happiness. It's been explained:

*This simply means a wise man loves peace & will do all he can to maintain peace without sacrificing purity. This is illustrated by Luther's story of the 2 goats that met on a narrow bridge over deep water. They couldn't go back & they didn't dare fight. "After a short parley, one of them lay down & let the other go over him, & thus no harm was done. The moral," Luther would say, "is easy: be content if your person is trod upon for peace's sake; your person ... not your conscience."<sup>6</sup>*

<sup>4</sup> William Barclay, *Letters of James & Peter*, p 95

<sup>5</sup> R. L Strauss, *Getting Along with Each Other*

<sup>6</sup> W. MacDonald & A. Farstad, *Believer's Bible Commentary*, 3:17

Seeking peace in relationships isn't a minor theme in the Bible. If you're always stirring up controversy over petty issues, you aren't acting with godly wisdom. If you can't get along with others, you're not wise nor peaceable. While we should never compromise doctrinal purity, neither should we fight over minor matters where godly people differ. We must come to the Prince of Peace for wisdom to make us peaceable. In Prov 3:17, wisdom is pictured poetically when it says, **Her ways are pleasant ways, & all her paths are peace.**

**C. Gentle** This is a different word than the **gentleness** in vs 13. This word is a difficult one to translate into English. If we have this quality we'll know how to forgive when justice gives us the right to condemn. We'll make allowances & know when to stand on our rights & how to temper justice with mercy. It's a willingness to yield to others & an unwillingness to exact strict claims. It's willing to submit in contrast to the **selfish** ambition of the world's wisdom. This goes against the whole grain of our culture that's so rights-based & me 1<sup>st</sup>. Would your friends & family describe you as **gentle**, one who often yields, who doesn't have to always have your own way or get your opinion or point across? Is your reputation as one who gives up your preferences for the sake of others? When you disagree, do you do so gently & kindly? We're not talking about perfection but patterns of life here. If the answer is *NO* to these questions, you're not wise in this area. More importantly, you're not like Christ in this area. Don't laugh & say, *That's just the way I am. God made me strong-willed & opinionated!* Wherever you aren't wise & not like Christ is where you need to change by His grace. As we know, the key is to yoke ourselves to Him who is **gentle** & humble in heart & learn from Him.

**D. Reasonable** This quality may be easier to see if we flip it around. Earthly wisdom is arrogant & stubborn. It refuses to listen & has no desire to hear anyone else's opinion. Someone like this dominates every discussion, uses sharp words or tones to put others down. They're a pro at sharp-tongued barbs. God's wisdom looks nothing like that. The **reasonable** person is easy to persuade. A person with this quality listens carefully because they want to know the truth. Don't mistake this for being a pushover or someone with no conviction. A persuadable person holds deep convictions without feeling the need to parade them or constantly argue about them. They listen to others



with whom they disagree because they believe everyone has something to teach them. They're not judgmental. Can you disagree agreeably? Can you discuss your deep convictions without losing your temper? Can you listen kindly to someone who holds another position? Are you non-combative even under provocation.<sup>7</sup> It doesn't mean gullible but willing to defer to others. It's quick to hear & knows when to yield for the sake of peace. Prov 29:11 says, **A fool vents all his feelings** (NKJV). Do you want to make sure everyone knows your feelings no matter what? Or do you strive to ensure you know the feelings of others?

Aristotle said those who are **reasonable** will *pardon human failings, & look to the law-giver & not to the law, to the spirit & not to the letter, to the intention & not to the action, to the whole & not to the part, to the character of the actor in the long run & not in the present moment, to remember good rather than evil, & good that one has received rather than good that one has done, to put up with injurious treatment.... one who does not stand on his rights, but is ready to give way to the wishes of others.*<sup>8</sup>

Don't forget this point if the Holy Spirit is convicting you. Jerry Bridges gives practical help here:

*What are some steps we can take to develop a gentle spirit? First we must decide that this is a trait we really do want to develop. We have to decide that we want to be mild & sensitive in our dealings with others, that we are willing to live without a rigid structure of black-&-white rules. We have to decide if we really want to care about people. Second, we can ask those who know us best & will be honest how we come across to other people. Are we dogmatic & opinionated, blunt & abrupt? ... Do people feel ill at ease in our presence because they think we are silently judging their weaknesses & correcting their faults? If any of these traits are characteristic of us, we must face them honestly & humbly. As we face our overall need, we should also ask the Holy Spirit to make us aware of specific situations in which we fail to act with gentleness or considerateness. It is not enough to concede in a vague sort of way that we may be lacking in this godly virtue. We need to identify specific instances in which we fall short. Only then will we be driven to pray fervently for the grace of gentleness.... put this need on your private prayer list, & pray that God will so work in your life that by His power you will demonstrate the fruit of gentleness.*<sup>9</sup>

**E. Full of Mercy & F. Good Fruits** Both attitude (merciful heart) & actions (good fruits) are evidence of godly wisdom. But this is more than just a mark of wisdom. This is a mark of faith, an evidence of true salvation. A life without fruit doesn't have the root of saving faith. A life that's not known by mercy may indicate it hasn't experienced God's mercy. Being merciful means not only having compassion for the person who's suffering apart from anything he did, but also showing compassion to the one who is suffering because of his own sin. God is merciful to us in spite of the

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<sup>7</sup> PH Davids, *The Epistle of James*, p 154

<sup>8</sup> JB Mayor, *The Epistle of St. James*, p 126

<sup>9</sup> *The Practice of Godliness*, p 185

fact that our problems usually stem from our own rebellion. While we were sinners, He sent Jesus to die for us (Rom 5:8). We're to extend the mercy that we've received to other undeserving sinners. By adding **good fruits**, James is going back to what he said in 2:14-17, that our faith must show itself in practical good deeds. If we see someone in need & do nothing to help, **what good is that** (2:16)? In other words, godly wisdom isn't theoretical, but practical. It rolls up its sleeves & takes action. Js 1:26 talks about worthless religion & then vs 27 says, **Pure & undefiled religion in the sight of our God is this, to visit orphans & widows in distress** (mercy in action) **& to keep oneself unstained by the world** (keep your heart pure & full of mercy). In 2:13 we read, **judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy.** & vss 14ff say those with a faith without mercy & works that accompany saving faith are showing they're not truly saved. Their faith is fruitless, barren, useless, & dead. There's a type of faith that is demonic (19) & a type of wisdom that's demonic (3:15b). The best way to cultivate mercy is to contemplate God's mercy. Paul tells us,

**God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), & raised us up with Him, & seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus** (Eph 2:4-7).

That's how we're to be as well. Rich in mercy & grace & kindness to others. A wise person is full of mercy & good fruits.

**G. Unwavering** Some versions have *impartial* or *without partiality* in the sense of not taking sides based on a party spirit or personal cronyism. But it also may mean *undivided*, meaning **unwavering** loyalty to God. James will speak of this in 4:4 where he makes the point that you can't be a friend of the world & of God at the same time. Godly wisdom doesn't play politics with the truth, shading it according to personal advantage. Instead it holds faithfully to the truth in love. This means not wavering between one person & another, having dual allegiances, not being double-minded (1:6-8) or double-tongued (3:1-12). It's having an undivided trust in the unmixed & unadulterated wisdom of God & the unhesitant will to live it out. This concept is closely related to the last word...

**H. Without Hypocrisy** or **sincere** (NIV/ESV). The person characterized by wisdom from heaven will be stable, trustworthy, & transparent. This person consistently displays the virtues of wisdom &

can be relied on for godly advice & counsel. A Christian who is truly wise will be fighting his double-mindedness, insincerity, & wavering. & if we fight sin in our own heart, we wisely won't be fighting with others nearly as much. Rather than sowing seeds of discord as we grow in wisdom we'll sow seeds of peace which will grow a harvest of righteousness. If we'd all seek to live by these qualities of godly wisdom, conflicts would be minimized & relationships would blossom & grow. Unfortunately, we all battle the world, the flesh, & the devil. These forces combine to draw us astray into worldly *wisdom* which causes disharmony & disorder. **18**

You reap what you sow. If you sow peace, you'll reap peace. If you sow selfishness & strife, you'll reap conflict. Also seen here is the fact that a harvest isn't accidental. No farmer sits around all year, then goes into the field & says, *Look at that harvest!* If there's a crop to harvest, it's in part because he's worked hard to cultivate that harvest. If you see a church or home where there is peace, it's because they've worked hard to cultivate it. They've listened to each other, respected one another, judged their own selfishness & pride & strived to live in accordance with godly wisdom. What is your life cultivating? Gal 6:7-9 says,

**Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.**

In Gal 5:20-23 are the opposite of peace's fruit ... **enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, & things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

Which list are you cultivating & practicing & living by? If your life is marked by the sins listed here, Paul says clearly those aren't the marks of those who belong to the kingdom of heaven. You need the Spirit of God to save you & change you. If you truly repent & trust in Christ as your Lord, the Spirit of God will take up residence in your life. When He does so, He produces His fruit by His grace. For those who have put their faith in Jesus, there's still effort required of us to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit so we can grow more, reaping a harvest of heavenly wisdom. How wise are you? Where must you work to turn your back on worldly wisdom & submit to God's wisdom & Word? Will you do so today?