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Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 3:13-18



Godly wisdom begins with proper fear

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
(Proverbs 1:7; 9:18; Psalm 110)

Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness”; and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.” So then, no more boasting about humans!

-1 Corinthians 3:18-20

All a person's ways seem pure to themselves, but
motives are weighed by the Lord
Proverbs 16:2



Godly wisdom results in good fruit

“Wisdom is proved right by her deeds” - Jesus
Matthew 11:19

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