

Who Is A Wise Man?

James 3:13

“the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment” (Google Dictionary)

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One who lives a good life. (James 3:13)

- It is wise to be good; it is foolish to be evil.
- Genuine wisdom is always accompanied with meekness.
1 Corinthians 3:18-19, “Let no man deceive himself. If any man thinketh that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He that taketh the wise in their craftiness”

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One who respects God. Psalms 14:1

- Denial of God. 2 Peter 2:1; cf. Matthew 10:33

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One who fears God. Proverbs 9:10;
Ecclesiastes 12:13

- Respects His wisdom. Jeremiah 10:23; cf. Gentiles, Romans 1:22ff
- Respects His power. Ephesians 3:20ff; 1 Corinthians 1:25
- Respects His goodness. James 1:17

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One who respects his parents. Proverbs 13:1; 15:5

- Children are to honor parents. Ephesians 6:2; cf. Exodus 20:12
- Involves care in old age. 1 Timothy 5:4

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One who listens to counsel. Proverbs 12:15

- Fool will not listen.
cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:22, “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also (it is) with you; and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil men; for all have not faith.”

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One who refrains his lips. James 1:19;
Matthew 12:34-37; 1 Peter 3:10

- *Proverbs 10:19, “In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; But he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely.”*
- *Proverbs 17:28, “Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise”*
- *Proverbs 29:11, “A fool uttereth all his mind”*

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The Old Testament addressed this subject many times.

1. *“The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver” (Proverbs 10:20).*
2. David prayed, *“Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth; Keep the door of my lips” (Psalms 141:3).*
3. *“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles” (Proverbs 21:23).*
4. *“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in network of silver” (Proverbs 25:11).*

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5. *“He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life; but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction” (Proverbs 13:3).*
6. *“Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him” (Proverbs 29:20).*
7. Let us especially be slow to speak when we are angry.
 - a. *“A soft answer turneth away wrath; but a grievous word stirreth up anger” (Proverbs 15:1).*
 - b. *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21).*

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One who wins souls. Proverbs 11:30

- Working with valuable material. Matthew 16:26
- Wisdom in defeating Satan. Ephesians 6:12
 - Sin is deceitful. Hebrews 3:13
- Wisdom in saving our own souls. Ezekiel 3:18ff
- Greatest joy. James 5:19ff; 1 Thessalonians 2:19

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One who fears evil and departs from it. Proverbs 14:16

- He knows sin is deceitful. Hebrews 3:13
- R. Zaccharias – *“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.”*

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One who hears and obeys the Lord. Matthew 7:24-27

- Submission to authority. Matthew 21:23-27; cf. Hebrews 1:1; Matthew 17:5
- Obedience necessary. Romans 6:16-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:9
 - One who hears and does not obey is deceiving himself. James 1:22-25
- Even until the end. Revelation 2:10

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One who is prepared NOW. Matthew 7:24-27

- The lowly ants prepare for the future. Proverbs 30:25
- Wise man anticipates the storm and builds upon the rock. Matthew 7:24-27
- Jesus taught the wisdom of preparing.
 - Rich fool. Luke 12:13-21
 - Ten virgins. Matthew 25:1-13

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One who becomes a Christian and is faithful until the end.

- Lives the good life.
- Respects God.
- Respects parents.
- Refrains his lips.
- Wins souls.
- Obeys the Lord.
- Is prepared.
- World looks upon this as foolish. 1 Corinthians 4:10

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