

**WW– James 3:13-18**  
**February 14, 2021**

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**Who Is Wise? (v.13)**

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- Those with a godly life characterized by good deeds.
- Those with a humble attitude

*“Knowledge is proud that it knows so much; wisdom is humble that it knows no more.” ~ William Cowper*

Proverbs 16:18

*“Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.”*

**“Unwise Wisdom” (v.14-16)**

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- Bitter envy and selfish ambition
- Disorder and evil practice

*“The most dangerous ideas in a society are not the ones being argued, but the ones being assumed.” ~ C.S. Lewis*

**Godly Wisdom (v.17-18)**

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It is pure not perverted

It is peace-loving not combative.

It is considerate not critical.

It is submissive not domineering.

It is merciful not vengeful.

It is impartial not prejudiced.

It is sincere not hypocritical.

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