

WISDOM: WHO “GET’S IT?”



A THOUGHTFUL COMPARISON: FAITH & WORKS & WISDOM ...

James says that anyone who is wise and understanding shows it by his good life, by deeds **[works]** that reflect wisdom. The way of wisdom is the way of humility. True wisdom is gentle, meek, humble. If we walk in the path of wisdom, we know that our wisdom is “from above”—a gift of God. Humble faith, a faith that comes from heaven, is the source of the wise life (James Doriani).

- (James 3:13 NIV84) Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, **by deeds [works] done in the humility that comes from wisdom.**
 - (James 3:17 NLT) But **the wisdom from above** is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is **full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds [works]**. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.
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- (James 2:14 ESV) What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has **faith [WISDOM]** but does not have works? Can that **faith [WISDOM]** save him?
 - (James 2:17 ESV) So also **faith [WISDOM]** by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
 - (James 2:18 ESV) But someone will say, “You have **faith [WISDOM]** and I have works.” Show me your **faith [WISDOM]** apart from your works, and I will show you my **faith [WISDOM]** by my works.
 - (James 2:20 ESV) Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that **faith [WISDOM]** apart from works is useless?
 - (James 2:26 ESV) For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also **faith [WISDOM]** apart from works is dead.
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Faith and wisdom held only as knowledge or information?

Dead faith.

Dead wisdom.