



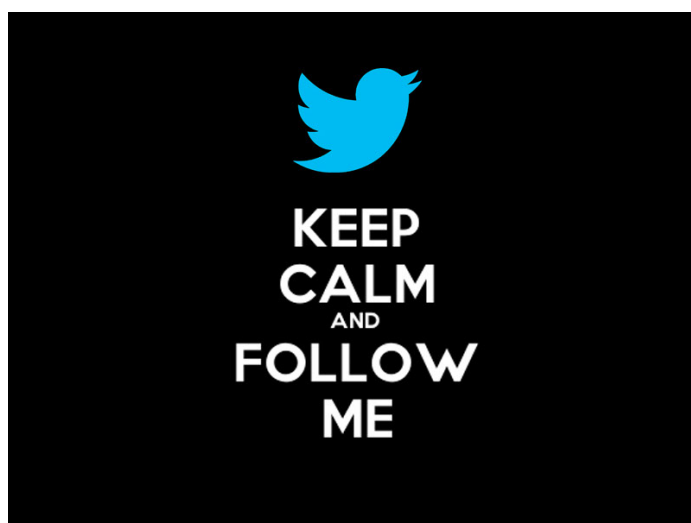
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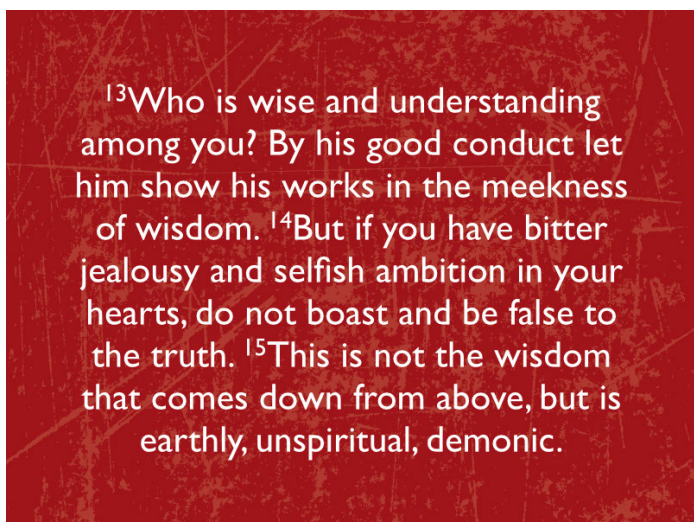
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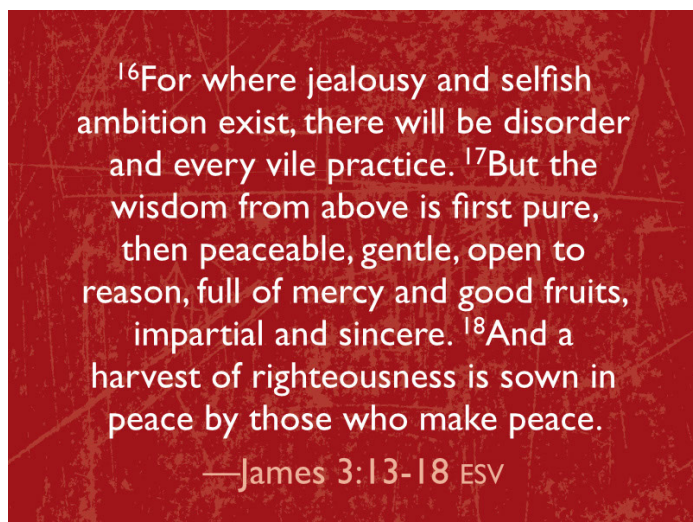
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Wisdom in Contrast

James 3:13-16

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A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh,
but envy makes the bones rot.
—Proverbs 14:30 ESV

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Earthly—according to the standards
of the world; it views life from a
limited perspective.

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Sensual—not erotic or sexy, but
appealing to the senses (emotion, passion)
“What feels right to me?”

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Demonic—possessed by the devil;
denies God’s Word, defies God’s law,
dismisses God’s judgment; “twisted”

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¹Now the serpent was more **crafty**
than any other beast of the field that
the Lord God had made. He said to
the woman, **“Did God actually say,**
‘You shall not eat of any tree in the
garden?’” ²And the woman said to
the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit
of the trees in the garden,

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³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." —Genesis 3:1-5 ESV

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Wisdom in Character

James 3:17

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The Beatitudes = Matthew 5:3-12

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Pure—Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

—Matthew 5:8 ESV

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Peace-Loving—Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they shall be called
sons of God. —Matthew 5:9 ESV

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... ¹⁴so that we may no longer be
children, tossed to and fro by the
waves and carried about by every
wind of doctrine, by human cunning,
by craftiness in deceitful schemes.
¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love,
we are to grow up in every way into
Him who is the head, into Christ...

—Ephesians 4:14-15 ESV

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Gentle or Meek—Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.
—Matthew 5:5 ESV

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²⁴And the Lord's servant must not
be quarrelsome but kind to
everyone, able to teach, patiently
enduring evil, ²⁵correcting his
opponents with gentleness. God
may perhaps grant them repentance
leading to a knowledge of the truth.
—2 Timothy 2:24-25 ESV

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Willing to Yield—Blessed are the poor
in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. —Matthew 5:3 ESV

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“There is no life so centered as a self-
emptied life and no life so empty as a
self-centered life.” —Adrian Rogers

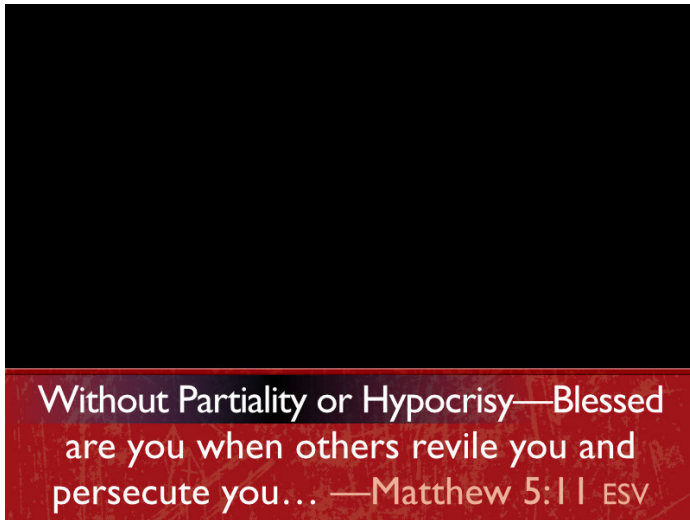
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Full of Mercy—Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.
—Matthew 5:7 ESV

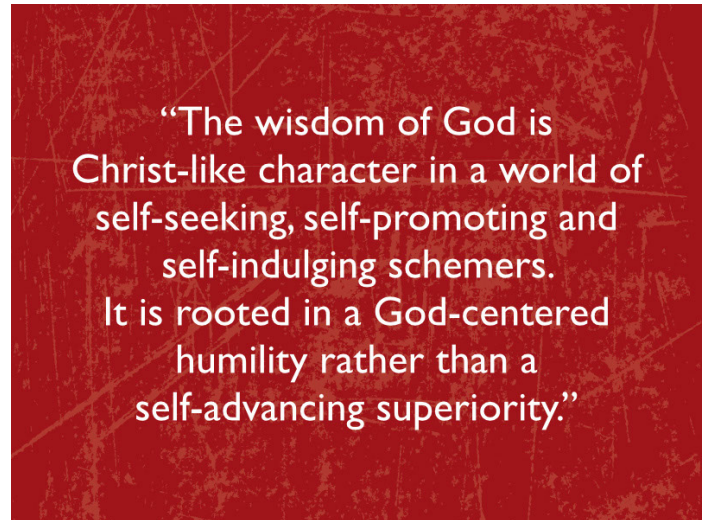
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Good Fruit—Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for righteousness, for
they shall be satisfied. —Matthew 5:6 ESV

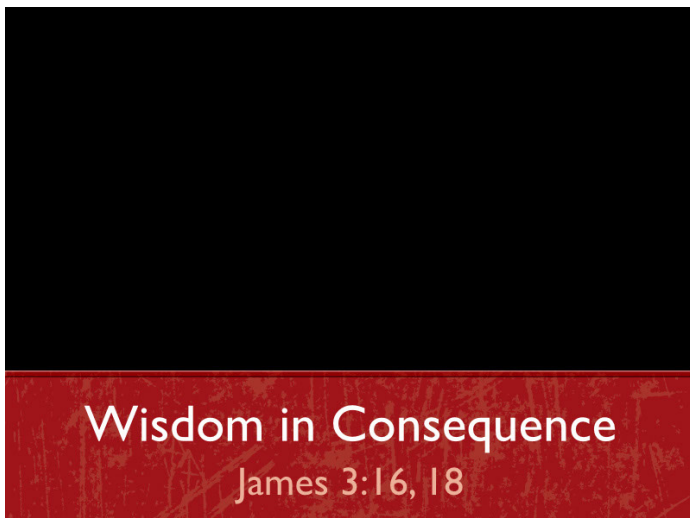
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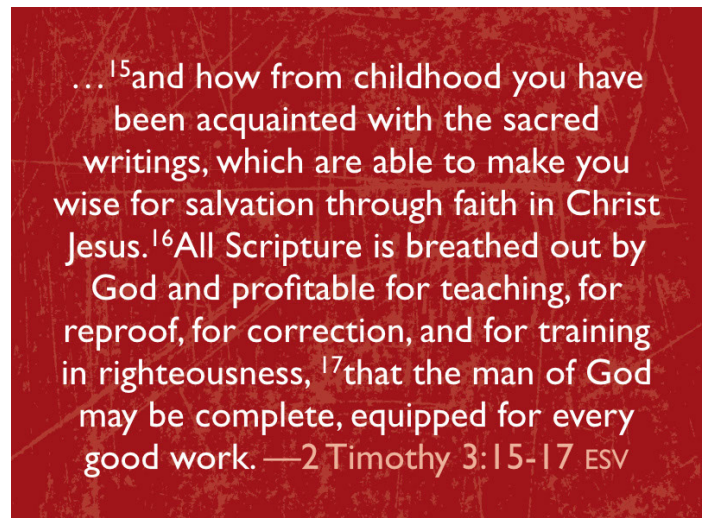
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