



I. Review

*Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his 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, of the devil. 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. **James 3:13-17 (NIV)***

If you choose to **WALK WISELY**, here's what you can expect:

- Contentment
- Courage
- Confidence
- Peace
- Progress
- Prosperity

If you choose to walk **UNWISELY**, you can expect a far different set of outcomes:

- Conflict
- Anxiety, worry, and fear
- Disappointment
- Disillusionment
- Discontentment

The truth of God's Word is **VERY CLEAR**

You never lose if you choose to **LIVE WISELY**

You always lose if you choose to **LIVE FOOLISHLY**

Wisdom is the capacity to see things from **GOD'S VIEWPOINT**

Two types of wisdom - **ONE CHOICE**

The **BENEFITS** of Wisdom

BENEFIT #1: Increase in **KNOWLEDGE** of God

BENEFIT #2: Clear **GUIDANCE** from God

BENEFIT #3: God's **PROTECTION**

BENEFIT #4: God's **STRENGTH AND POWER**

BENEFIT #5: Joy and **CONTENTMENT**

BENEFIT #6: A Good **SELF-IMAGE**

II. God's Wisdom for **BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS**

*Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness. **2 Corinthians 6:14-17***

A. Base your business on **BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES**

*A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is His delight. **Proverbs 11:1***

1. **Truth** - your word is your bond
2. **Honoring CHRIST**
3. **INTEGRITY**

He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.
Proverbs 10:9

B. Be careful whom you CHOOSE

1. **ASK GOD about business associates**
2. **Check out their CHARACTER**

Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is crooked though he be rich.
Proverbs 28:6

III. The kinds of people you SHOULD AVOID

A. Avoid GOSSIPS

A perverse man spreads strife, and a slanderer separates intimate friends. **Proverbs 16:28**

B. Watch out for the QUICK TEMPERED

Do not associate with a man given to anger; or go with a hot-tempered man, or you will learn his ways and find a snare for yourself. **Proverbs 22:24-25**

C. Steer clear of the REBELLIOUS person

A rebellious man seeks only evil, a cruel messenger will be sent against him. **Proverbs 17:11**

D. Avoid the SELF INDULGENT

He also who is slack in his work is brother to him who destroys. **Proverbs 18:9**

E. Beware of the SEXUALLY IMMORAL

A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but he who keeps company with harlots wastes his wealth. **Proverbs 29:3**

F. Avoid the FOOL

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.
Proverbs 1:7

IV. The BENEFITS of a good FRIENDSHIP

- A. It will bring you great **DELIGHT**
- B. It will **DEVELOP** you into a **BETTER** person
- C. It will drive you to **EXCEL**