James 3:13 (NLT) If you are WISE and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from WISDOM.

James 3:16 (NLT) For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

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 good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

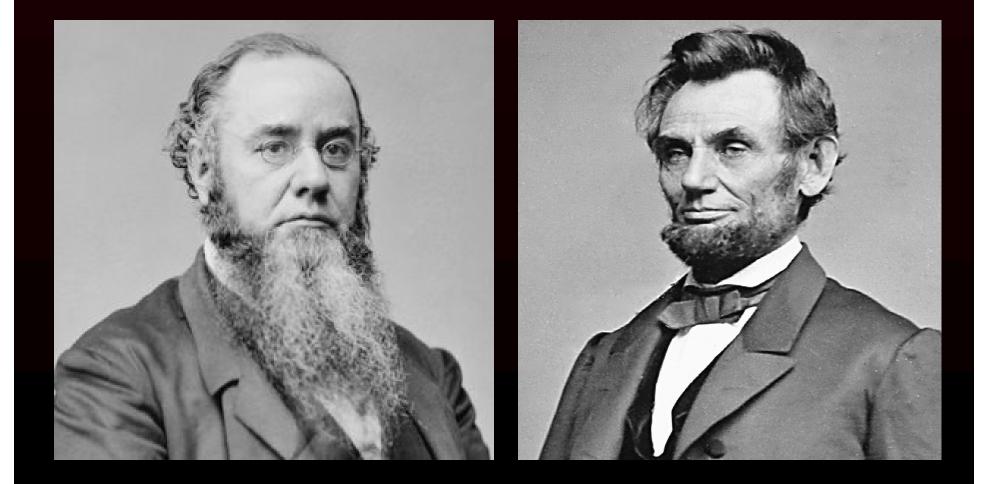
James 3:18 (NLT

And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

Wisdom from ABOVE

James 3:16-18

Worldly Wisdom or godly Wisdom?



A godly life cannot be developed in a climate of bitter-envy and selfish-ambition which is fostered by wisdom from BELOW. PTW Romans 8:8 (NIV)
Those CONTROLLED
by the sinful nature
cannot please God.

The godly person's heart is **PURE** in its unmixed devotion to God.

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Isaiah 26:3 (HCS) You will keep the mind that is DEPENDENT on You in perfect PEACE, for it is trusting in You. PEACE is way more than the absence of conflict or strife it includes FULLNESS that does not depend on external circumstances. The GENTLE person does not deliberately cause fights, but neither does he compromise the truth in order to keep peace.

People who are faithful are fruitful. God's WISDOM does not make a life empty; it makes it full.

Wisdom from above brings strength from above.

Romans 12.9 (NIV) Love must be SINCERE. Hate what is evil; CLING to what is good.

Godly WISDOM is living without scheming.

Matthew 5:9 (NIV) Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called **sons of God**. Isaiah 32:17 (NIV) The FRUIT of righteousness will be PEACE; the EFFECT of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. Righteousness cannot be produced in the climate of bitter-envy and selfish-ambition fostered by wisdom from below.

Righteousness can only grow in a climate of PEACE.

As Christians we Cannot JUSTIFY or GLORIFY living by Worldly Wisdom

Luke 6:27-28 (NIV) But I tell you who hear ME: LOVE your enemies, DO GOOD to those who hate you, BLESS those who curse you, PRAY for those who mistreat you.

We Live for HIM by...

LOVING your enemies

Doing GOOD to those who HATE us

BLESSING those who CURSE us

PRAYING for those who MISTREAT us

Wisdom from Above is about the Holy Spirit having CONTROL

[17] But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all <u>pure</u>; then <u>peace-loving</u>, <u>considerate</u>, <u>submissive</u>, full of <u>mercy</u> and <u>good fruit</u>, <u>impartial</u> and <u>sincere</u>. Romans 8:8 (NIV) Those CONTROLLED by the sinful nature cannot please God. 2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NLT) So we keep on praying for you, **asking our God to ENABLE** you to live a life worthy of His call. May HE give you the power to ACCOMPLISH all the good things your faith prompts you to do.

Jesus said... Take MY yoke upon you and LEARN from ME MY yoke is easy and MY burden is light





There is a Difference between HATING
CONFLICT and being a PEACEMAKER

[18] **Peacemakers** who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness Romans 12:18 (NIV) IF it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at PEACE with everyone. Romans 12:21 (NIV) **Do not be overcome by evil**, but **OVERCOME** evil with GOOD.

Peace WITH God

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV) Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we HAVE Peace WITH God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Peace OF God

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) Do not be **anxious** about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And the Peace OF God, which transcends ALL understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds **N** Christ Jesus.

James 1:2 (NIV) Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face TRIALS of many kinds...

>Will we go to God in DEPENDENCE

► Will we go to God with **DEMANDS**

James 1:5 (NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ASK God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.