

# A KEY INGREDIENT

Life Class Series (Lesson 11)

**2Peter 1:3** seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

We have discussed the importance of knowing the will of God for our lives.

**Philippians 1:9** And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real **knowledge** and all **discernment**, 10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;

Just as faith without works is dead, knowledge without wisdom is fruitless.

The greatest source of wisdom is God

**Proverbs 9:9** Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning. 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

**James 3:13** Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of **wisdom**. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

*James tells us that wisdom is demonstrated by good conduct  
True wisdom is unselfish and seeks the best solution for others.*

## Traits of the Wise:

A wise man seeks counsel

**Proverbs 12:15** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

**Proverbs. 10:19** When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

The fool vents all his feelings

**Prov. 29:11** A fool always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back.

**Prov. 14:16** A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, But a fool is arrogant and careless.

**Prov. 10:5** He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.

Do not follow the advice of the wicked

**Psalms 1:1** How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

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