

*The Way We Could Be*  
Finding True Wisdom with the Fruit of Peace  
James 3:13-18 (page 1201)

Question: How can we discern true wisdom?

I. Wisdom that Works (13)

~ Show me deeds done in humility (meekness)

II. Wisdom of the World (14-16)

- A. Comes from hell, forged in the world...
- B. is characterized by bitter jealousy & selfish ambition...
- C. and results in disorder and evil.

III. Wisdom from Above (17-18)

- A. Comes from heaven...
- B. is characterized by pure, peace loving humility (meekness)
- C. and results in a harvest of righteousness sown in peace.

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**Points to Ponder:** We need to be careful we don't allow the world to define wisdom for us; for what we rightly treasure as "the power of God," they will call foolishness. To this end take some time this week to read and ponder the familiar words Paul wrote to the Corinthian church – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.

**A Note to Parents:** Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we are considering. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

**Next Week:** Next week we will begin an Advent series entitled *What Child is This?* In this series we will look at the titles ascribed to Jesus in Revelation 1:4-6. The first title we will consider is: *The Faithful Witness*.

