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**Leviticus 13: 40** A man who has lost his hair and is bald is clean.



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We want wisdom

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but we want it on our own terms.

**Genesis 3: 6** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also **desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it.



# Two Types of Wisdom

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(1). Worldly

**James 3:** 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their **good** life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter **envy** and **selfish ambition** in your hearts, do not **boast** about it or **deny the truth**. 15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is **earthly, unspiritual, demonic**. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find **disorder** and **every evil practice**.



How can we think such wisdom  
is good?



**Romans 8: 28** And we know that in all things God works for the **good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



God's definition of "good":  
Genesis 1—it was (very) good)

Genesis 1: And God saw that it was good.

Anything that produces life  
is “good” according to God.

God works for the “good”?  
God is working to produce life  
in you (sometimes painful,  
sometimes requires death –  
Romans 6)



We choose worldly wisdom  
because of the knowledge of  
good AND evil.



When death entered the world,  
self-preservation became our  
most basic instinct.

Humanity generally creates  
objects of our destruction.









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(2). Godly (wisdom from above)

**James 3: 17** 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. **18** Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.



God is like...  
a menu.



Menu





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Will sometimes have only one item.



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(1). God is all-wise

**Job 12: 13** “To God belong wisdom and power;  
counsel and understanding are his.

**Daniel 2: 20** “Praise be to the name of God forever  
and ever; wisdom and power are his.

**Psalms 147: 5** How great is our Lord! His power is  
absolute! His understanding is beyond  
comprehension!





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(2). If God is the menu then the  
Bible is the words on the menu.

**1 Peter 1: 23** For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the **living** and enduring word of God. 24 For,  
“All people are like grass,  
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;  
the grass withers and the flowers fall,  
25 **but the word of the Lord endures forever.”**

If you're not familiar with the  
menu  
you will end up asking for the  
wrong thing(s).

**Mark 12: 26** Now about the dead rising—**have you not read in the Book of Moses**, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? **27** He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. **You are badly mistaken!”**



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(3). Satan wants you to settle for  
SPAM though Filet Mignon is freely  
given.

**Genesis 2: 17** ...you **must not eat** from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it **you will certainly die.**”

**Genesis 3: 1** “**Did God really say,** ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”...**4** “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. **5** “**For God knows** that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



Satan's basic approach to sin:  
corrupt that which is good  
(make it ugly)



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(4). Jesus is, and always will be,  
the main course.

**John 6: 35** Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will **never go hungry**, and whoever believes in me will **never be thirsty**.”



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