

# How to Become **W**ise and Retire **W**ealthy



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**James 3:13** Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

<sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

<sup>15</sup> This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

<sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

<sup>18</sup> And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**Proverbs 3:13** How blessed is the man who finds wisdom,  
And the man who gains understanding.

<sup>14</sup> For its profit is better than the profit of silver,  
And its gain than fine gold.

<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than jewels;  
And nothing you desire compares with her.

<sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand;  
In her left hand are riches and honor.

<sup>17</sup> Her ways are pleasant ways,  
And all her paths are peace.

<sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,  
And happy are all who hold her fast.

# How to Become Wise

1 Corinthians 2:6 – 3:8

## 1. Study the wisdom of the a

**1 Corinthians 2:6** Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;

<sup>7</sup> but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom*, which God predestined before the ages to our glory;

<sup>8</sup> *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

<sup>9</sup> but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

## 2. As you study listen for G to speak to you

<sup>10</sup> For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

<sup>11</sup> For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

<sup>13</sup> which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

**Note 1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

## 3. Denounce the old t patterns

<sup>14</sup> But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

## 4. Evaluate e (there are many schemes out there)

<sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual appraises all things,

## 5. Don't worry about the o of others

yet he himself is appraised by no man.

## 6. Study J

<sup>16</sup> For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

## An illustration

**1 Corinthians 3:1** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ.

<sup>2</sup> I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,

<sup>3</sup> for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

<sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men?

<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.

<sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.

<sup>7</sup> So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

<sup>8</sup> Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

## How to Retire Wealthy 1 Corinthians 3:9 – 3:15

### 1. Build your investment home o Jesus

**1 Corinthians 3:9** For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it.

<sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

### 2. Build your investment home f Jesus

<sup>12</sup> Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

<sup>13</sup> each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

<sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward.

<sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

**Note 1 Corinthians 4:1** Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

<sup>2</sup> In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

<sup>3</sup> But to me it is a very small thing that I should be examined by you, or by *any* human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself.

<sup>4</sup> For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.