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## Wisdom Pt 2 wisdom from above bears fruit of the Spirit

This is our second study on wisdom. In our previous teaching we established three points (i) Wisdom that is **not** from above is earthly, devilish, (2) wisdom that is not from above includes envy, (3) wisdom that is not from above includes strife. In this study we cover an additional four points– (i) wisdom from above is first pure, (ii) wisdom from above is then peaceable, (iii) wisdom from above is gentle, and (iv) wisdom from above is easy intreated.

More detail from the scriptures on our three points –

1. Wisdom that is from above is **FIRST**– pure

2. Wisdom that is from above is **peaceable**

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable...” (Jam.3: 17).

3. Wisdom that is from above is **gentle**

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle” (Jam.3: 17).

4. Wisdom that is from above is **easy to be intreated**

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated...” (Jam.3: 17).

### Illustration

My most significant memory of BCNZ is the answer I received from a fellow student as we completed modules for our teaching major. I asked what will he teach in his church when he leaves college. His reply– that the Bible has errors, in the context of this teaching– the scriptures are NOT therefore pure. I was absolutely dumb–founded...that was the sum of his learning from BCNZ that he would be taking away.

### Questions of the scriptures

I) How is easy intreated a sign of wisdom that is from above?

II) What is the significance of the the first sign of wisdom from above being PURE?

### Answers from the scriptures

i) Wisdom from above is evident when we are easy to be intreated, because– those that struggle with being intreated often have a theological qualification and believe they have truth. And for those who start a conversation from the premise that they have the truth– and therefore can learn nothing from their brethren, they will see little value in listening to others that seek to show them error

I have certainly struggled with this over the years, but in more recent times when I allowed the Holy Ghost to teach, it has easier because I am not standing on my BCNZ degree, nor church tradition, but allowing the Spirit of truth to teach.

ii) The significance of wisdom from above first being PURE – is that our authority, the scriptures are first PURE Any that do not start from that premise– the wisdom that follows is–more often than not from this world. Let us remember to maintain meekness, especially when being intreated by a brother.

May we listen with both ears, pray, and respond from the Holy Ghost’s teaching. In doing so, may the wisdom that follows be first pure, then gentle, peaceable and easy intreated!