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BOOK OF **JAMES**
A FAITH THAT WORKS

Study 11

Wisdom from Above: Peace

James 3:13-18

GAMMA
SERIES

WORDS COME FROM OUR HEARTS



James 3:10-12 (ESV) From the same
mouth come blessing and cursing.
Fresh water, these things Salt water
to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth
from the same opening both fresh
and Salt water? Can a fig,
my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine
produce figs? Neither can a salt
pond yield fresh water.

PRODUCT DEPENDS ON SOURCE

CONDUCT COME FROM WISDOM



James 3:13-15 (ESV) 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15

Wisdom

Heavenly

Worldly

This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

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Genuine Faith

Fake Faith

Works

Genuine Wisdom

Fake Wisdom

A close-up photograph of a man with short brown hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt. He has a thoughtful or slightly frustrated expression, with his right hand resting on the back of his head. The background is a grey and white checkerboard pattern. The text "WHAT IS WISDOM?" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a slight drop shadow.

WHAT IS WISDOM?



HARD TO DEFINE

SEE EFFECTS

WISDOM IS VALUABLE

Proverbs 8:10-11 Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold,

11 for wisdom is better than jewels,

and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

WISDOM GIVES SUCCESSFUL LIVING

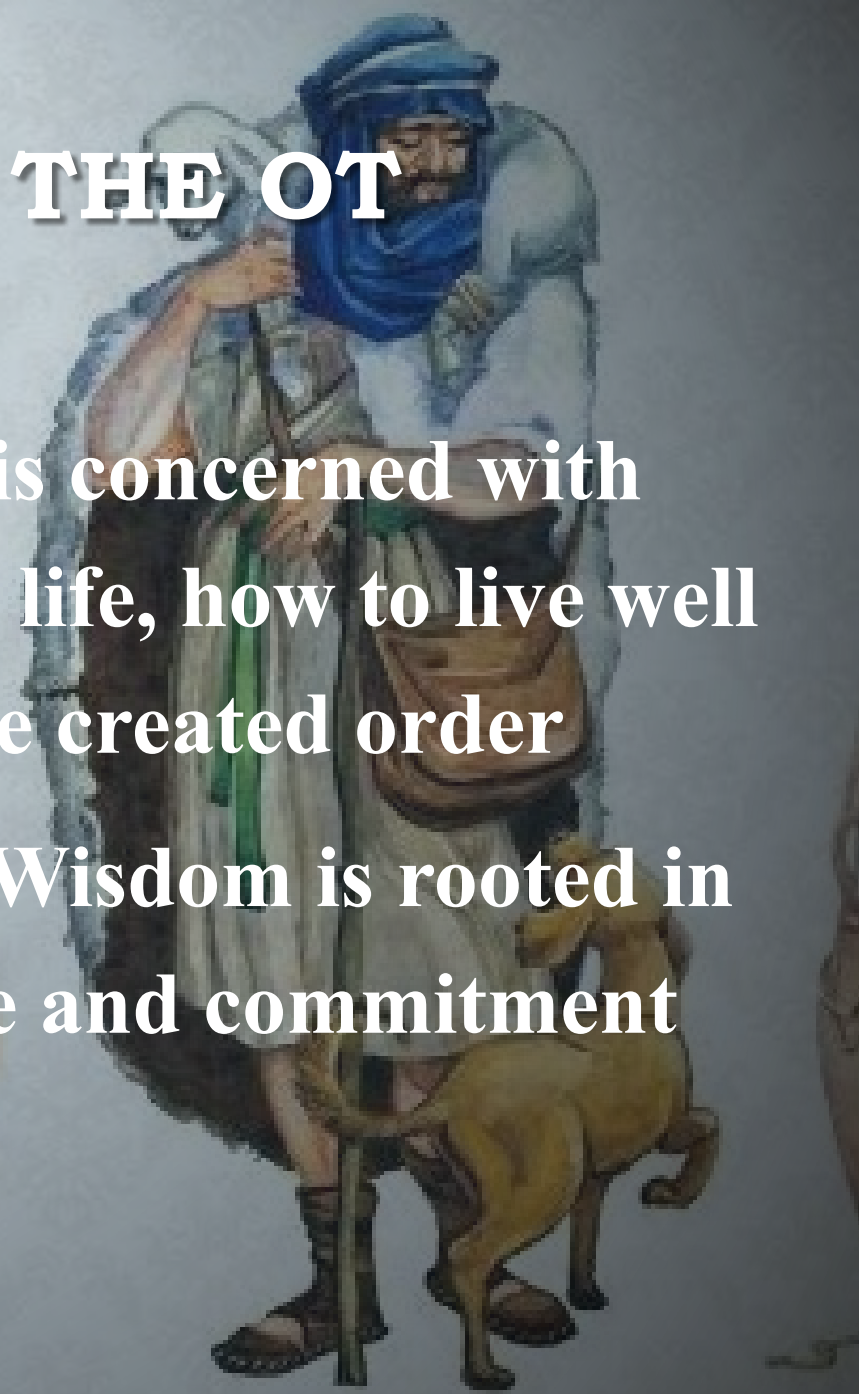
Proverbs 8:14-18 (ESV) I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength.

15 By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just;

16 by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. 17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

18 Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness.

NATURE OF WISDOM IN THE OT



- Wisdom is concerned with everyday life, how to live well within the created order
- Israelite Wisdom is rooted in reverence and commitment to God

A woodcut-style illustration of a bearded man, likely a king or a wise man, sitting on a throne. He is wearing a crown and a red robe. He is holding a scroll in his left hand and a quill in his right hand. The background is a textured, golden-brown wall. The text "WISDOM IS A GIFT" is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

WISDOM IS A GIFT

FEAR AND WISDOM

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Foundation of wisdom

PURPOSE OF WISDOM

Proverbs 8:20-21 (ESV) I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice,
21 granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries.



Old Testament wisdom was a life of virtue lived in the fear of the Lord, in harmony with the order of creation, and within the community of God's people

WISDOM

Factual Knowledge

**Necessary
Resolve**

**Righteous
Goal..Image
of God**

Situational Insight



Romans 1:21-23 (ESV) For although they knew God, they **did not honor him as God** or give thanks to him, but they became **futile in their thinking**, and their **foolish hearts were darkened**. 22 **Claiming to be wise, they became fools,**

Proverbs 8:12-13 (ESV) I, wisdom, dwell with
prudence,

and I find knowledge and discretion.

13 The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.

Pride and arrogance and the way of evil

and perverted speech I hate.

Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Phase 1:

Recovery

Phase 2:

Expansion

Phase 3:

Hypersupply

Phase 4:

Recession



Seller's Market

Seller's Market

Buyer's Market

Buyer's Market

Decreasing vacancy
Low construction rates
Low rental rate growth
Moderate absorption

Decreasing Vacancy
Mod/High construction rates
Mod/high rental rate growth
Moderate absorption

Increasing Vacancy
Mod/High construction rates
Mod/low rental rate growth
Low absorption

Increasing Vacancy
Low construction rates
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THE DILEMMA

1 Samuel 16: 2 And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.”

**SAMUEL DID NOT LIE; EVERYTHING
SAID WAS TRUE, BUT NOT
EVERYTHING TRUE WAS SAID**



Truth vs Love







an exercise in scanning and surveying, taking the measure of the defense, noticing where 85% OF THE TIME FOUND OFF THE BALL, STROLLING AND dawdling and looking opportunistic and interested.

“After five, ten minutes, he’ll have a map in his eyes and in his brain,”

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Situational Insight

Elon Musk might have more than 82 million Twitter followers





ELON MUSK BUYS TWITTER

A photograph of Elon Musk with his arms outstretched, standing in front of a large blue Twitter bird logo. He is wearing a black jacket over a black shirt. The background is a solid blue color.

"That is why I bought Twitter, I didn't do it because it would be easy, I didn't do it to make more money."

"important for the future of civilisation to have a common digital town square".

TWITTER LAYOFFS

Today



Twitter Sacks
"Roughly 80%" Of
Staff,





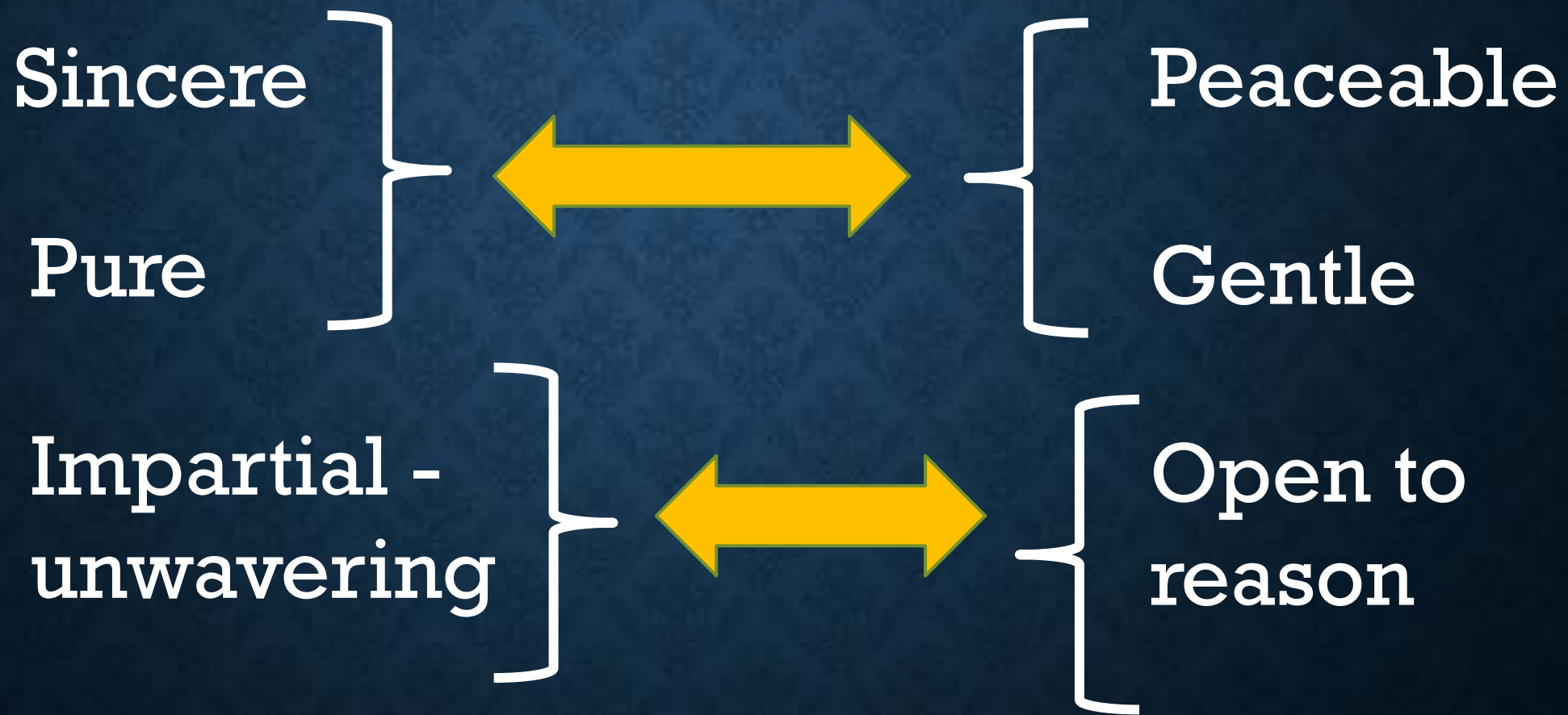
**OOPS. TWITTER IS
ALREADY TRYING TO
REHIRE WORKERS ELON
MUSK FIRED DAYS AGO,
SOURCES SAY**

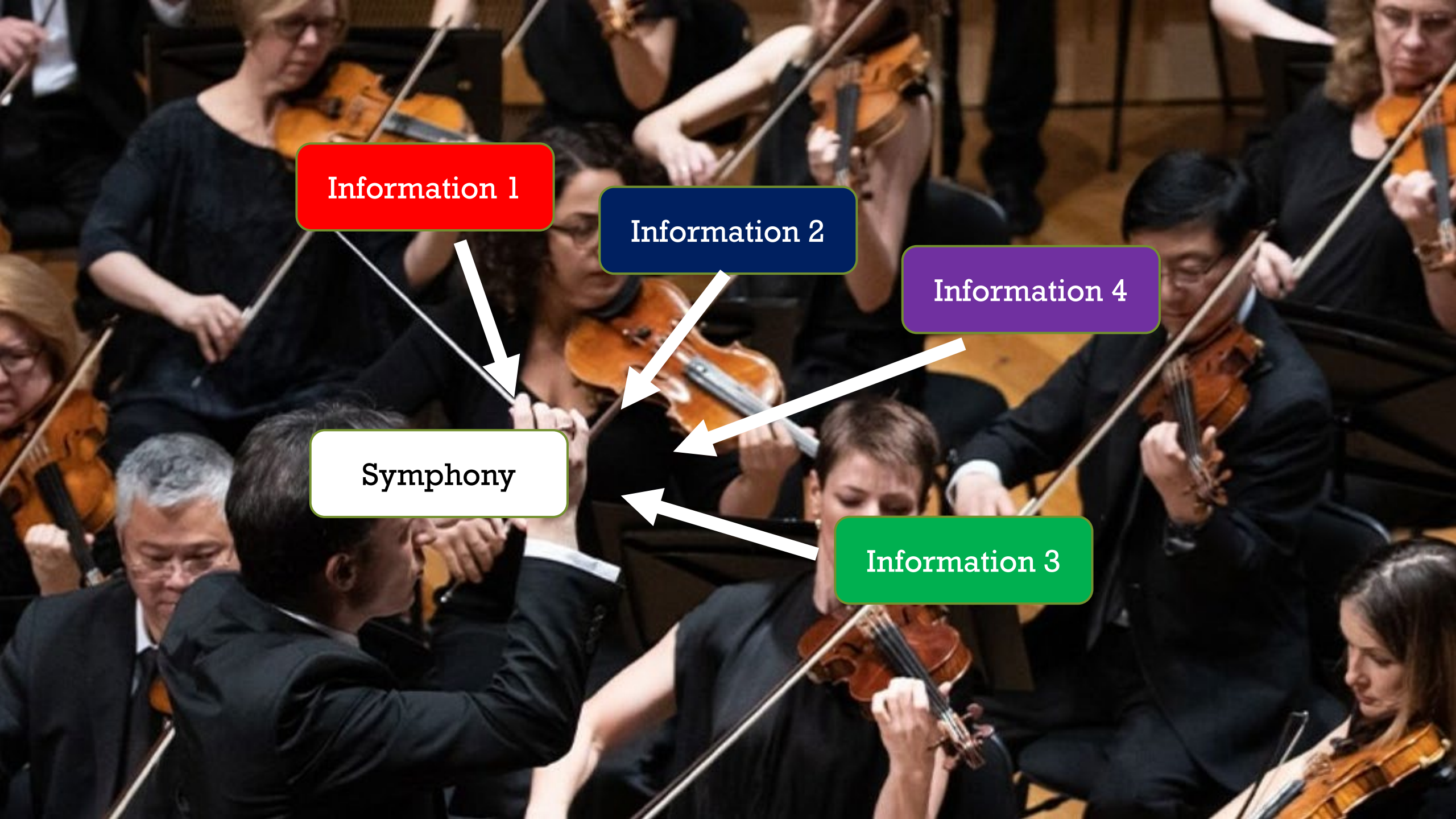
*"Important to admit
when I'm wrong &
firing them was truly
one of my biggest
mistakes."*

WHAT SPIRITUAL INSIGHT LOOKS LIKE

James 3:17-18 (ESV) But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

WISDOM IS THE BALANCE





Information 1

Information 2

Information 4

Symphony

Information 3

Factual Knowledge

WISDOM

Necessary
Resolve

Righteous
Goal..Image
of God

Situational Insight

A group of young people, mostly teenagers, are participating in a school strike for climate change. They are standing on a city street, holding a large white sign with black text. The sign reads "SKOLSTREJK FÖR KLIMATET". The participants are dressed in winter clothing, including jackets, sweaters, and beanies. The background shows a city street with buildings and other people.

**SKOLSTREJK
FÖR
KLIMATET**

WORLD WIDE MARCHES 163 COUNTRIES



**FIGHT FOR
CLIMATE JUSTICE**



A photograph of Greta Thunberg speaking at a podium. She is wearing a red shirt and has her hair in a braid. She is looking to the right with a serious expression. The background is blue. The text "THE WORLD'S LACK OF RESOLVE" is overlaid in white, bold, uppercase letters at the top of the image.

THE WORLD'S LACK OF RESOLVE

"For more than 30 years, the science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away and come here saying that you're doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed are still nowhere in sight."

Factual Knowledge

WISDOM

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Situational Insight

Agathos
Good

Kalos
Beautiful

James 3:13 • Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good **Beautiful Lifestyle** show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

**MOST
INFLUENTIAL
MEN IN HISTORY**



Mother Teresa

Beautiful lives



Isaac Newton



Leonardo-Davinci



Galileo



Putin



Stalin

**MOST
INFLUENTIAL
MEN IN HISTORY**



Mao

Beautiful lives?



Polpot

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the mee**kness** of wisdom.



Humility

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes,
then comes disgrace,
but with the humble is wisdom.

, "Lord, I am nothing!"

Our display of humility turns
out to be an occasion of pride



WISDOM FROM ABOVE

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WISDOM FROM BELOW

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THOMAS AQUINAS

"Humility removes pride,
whereby a man refuses to
submit himself to the truth of
faith."

WISDOM
From Below

Factual Knowledge

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Necessary
Resolve

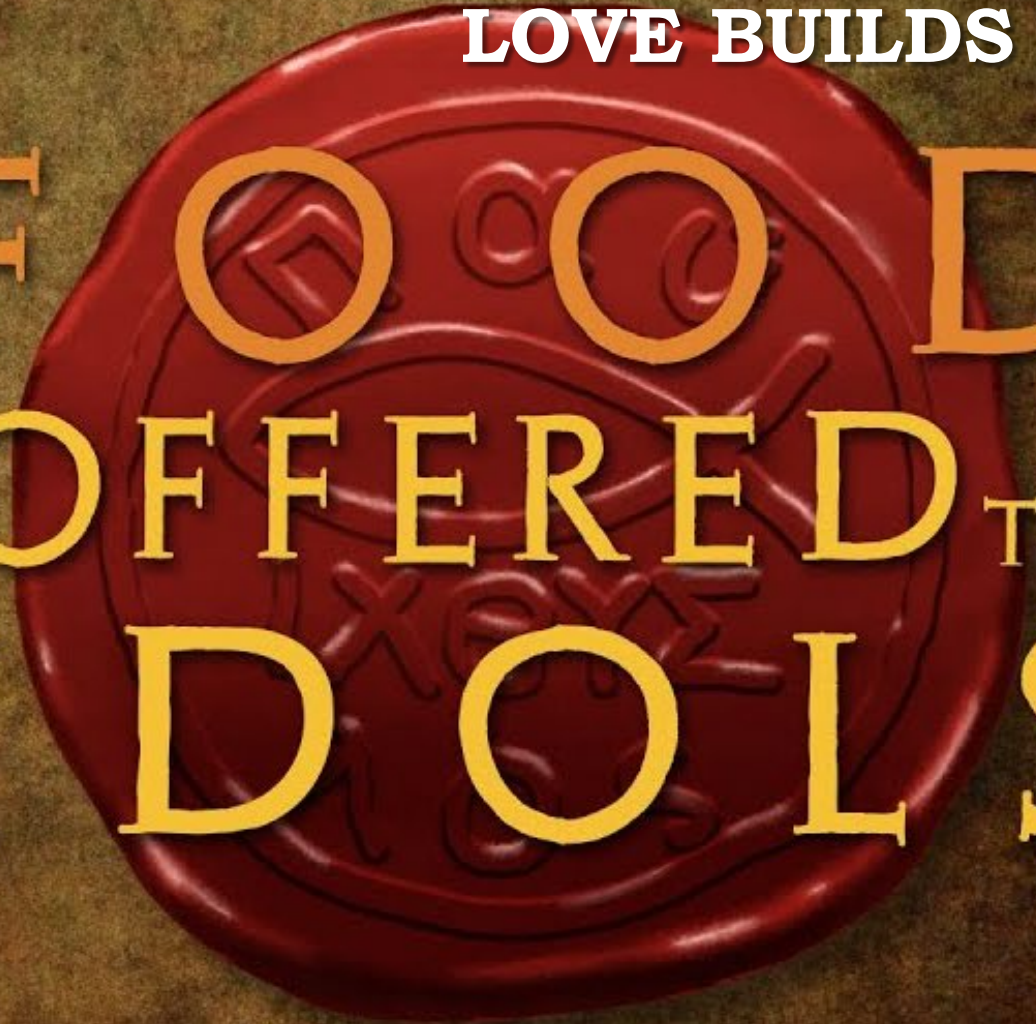
Self Interest

Situational Insight

**1 COR 8: 1B THIS “KNOWLEDGE” PUFFS UP, BUT
LOVE BUILDS UP.**



**F O O D
O F F E R E D TO
I D O L S**





PRIDE=OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITY

- Ignores the most fundamental reality of the Creator
- Our purpose

THE HUMBLE WISDOM OF JESUS

Matthew 11:29-30 (ESV) Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

BIBLICAL WISDOM

$EGO = \frac{1}{KNOWLEDGE}$



SELF INTEREST

**JEALOUSY
CONFLICT**

SELF INTEREST

Greek wisdom gives advice on being successful in the world

COMMON WORKPLACE CONFLICTS

AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM



SELFISH AMBITION

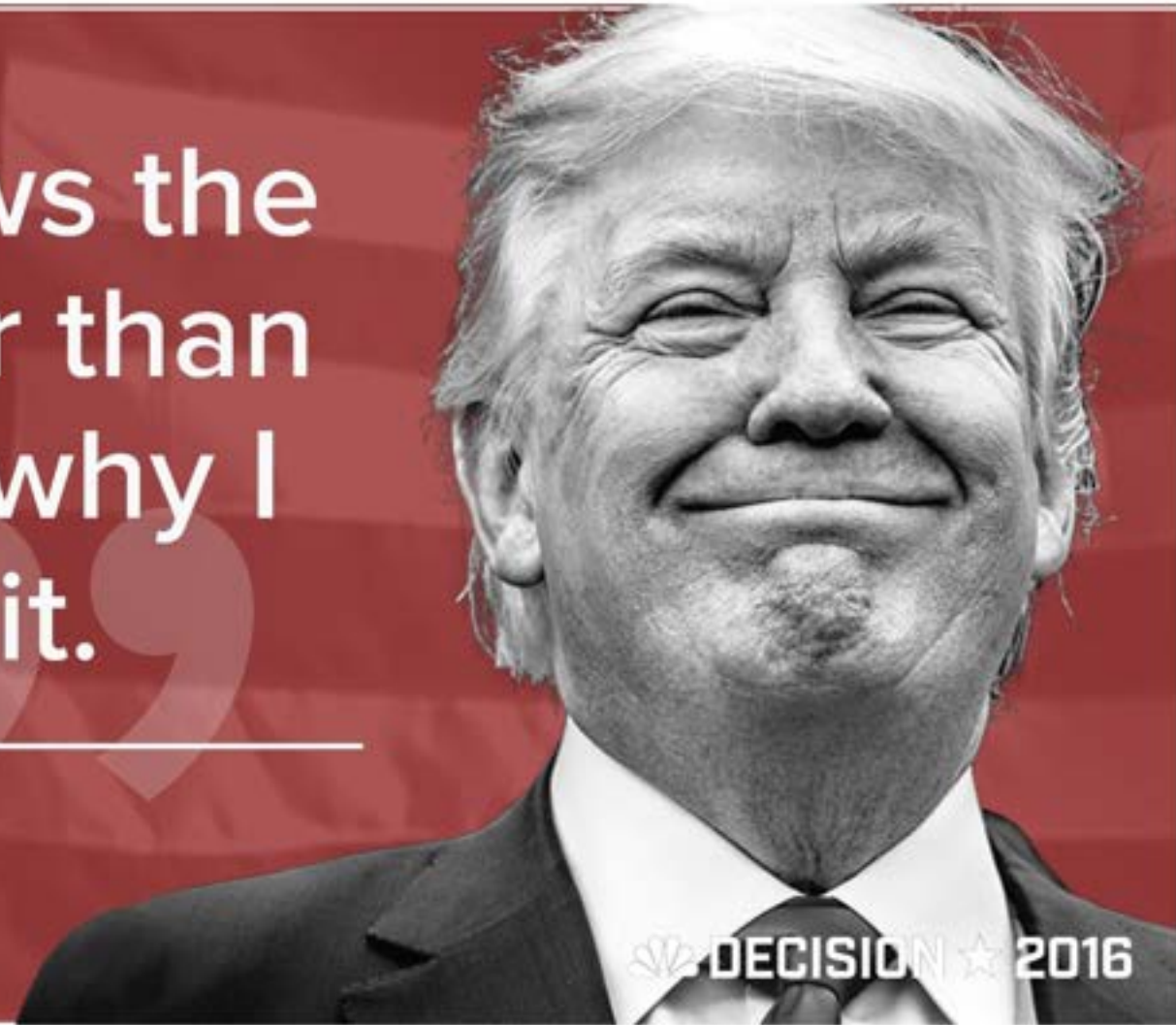
- the desire to advance one's power and influence to the detriment of others
- Lying
- Back stabbing
- Dirty Tricks
- Two-faced and hypocritical, False appearances,
- Currying favor,
- Unethical means to achieve their goals

Nobody knows the
system better than
me, which is why I
alone can fix it.



Donald Trump
July 21, 2016

#Decision2016



DECISION ★ 2016



Obama inauguration 2009



Trump inauguration 2017

, it looked like a million, million and a half people,”



“Actually, throughout my life, my two greatest assets have been mental stability and being, like, really smart,” – – “a very stable genius”.

THE SOURCE OF WORLDLY WISDOM

James 3:15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.



THE EFFECTS OF WORLDLY WISDOM

**James 3:16 For where
jealousy and selfish
ambition exist, there
will be disorder and
every vile practice.**

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I am sending you out as sheep
in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and
innocent as doves.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PERSON WITH DIVINE WISDOM

Peaceful relationships. The natural tendency is to be argumentative, quarrelsome, belligerent, and quick-tempered. But God's supernatural life within us guards against alienating others. Rather, it seeks to remove ill will.

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is

first pure, then peaceable, gentle,

open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

Grace is giving a person undeserved blessing he or she doesn't deserve, mercy is withholding a just punishment a person does deserve. Mercy implies looking on somebody with compassion when they probably deserve punishment. While worldly wisdom would heap on ridicule or judgment, mercy shows kindness and benevolence. The Greek word hypokrisis comes from a term used to describe an actor playing two parts. Good deeds to express mercy.

sense of "teachable," somebody who puts aside stubbornness and readily yields to the truth. It can refer to a person who is conciliatory, flexible, and open to change...Abram and Lot

Not biased, not legalistic, not hypocritical. The Greek word hypokrisis comes from a term used to describe an actor playing two parts. Good deeds to express mercy.

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A collection of various theatrical masks, likely made of wood or plaster, arranged on a wooden surface. The masks display a wide range of human emotions and features, including beards, long hair, and different facial structures. The central focus is a red rectangular box containing the text "What you see is what you get".

What you see is what you get

THE END RESULT OF WISDOM FROM ABOVE

James 3:18 And a harvest of
righteousness is sown in peace by
those who make peace.

HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



WISDOM

FROM BELOW

FROM ABOVE

Self Interest

Peace

Conflict

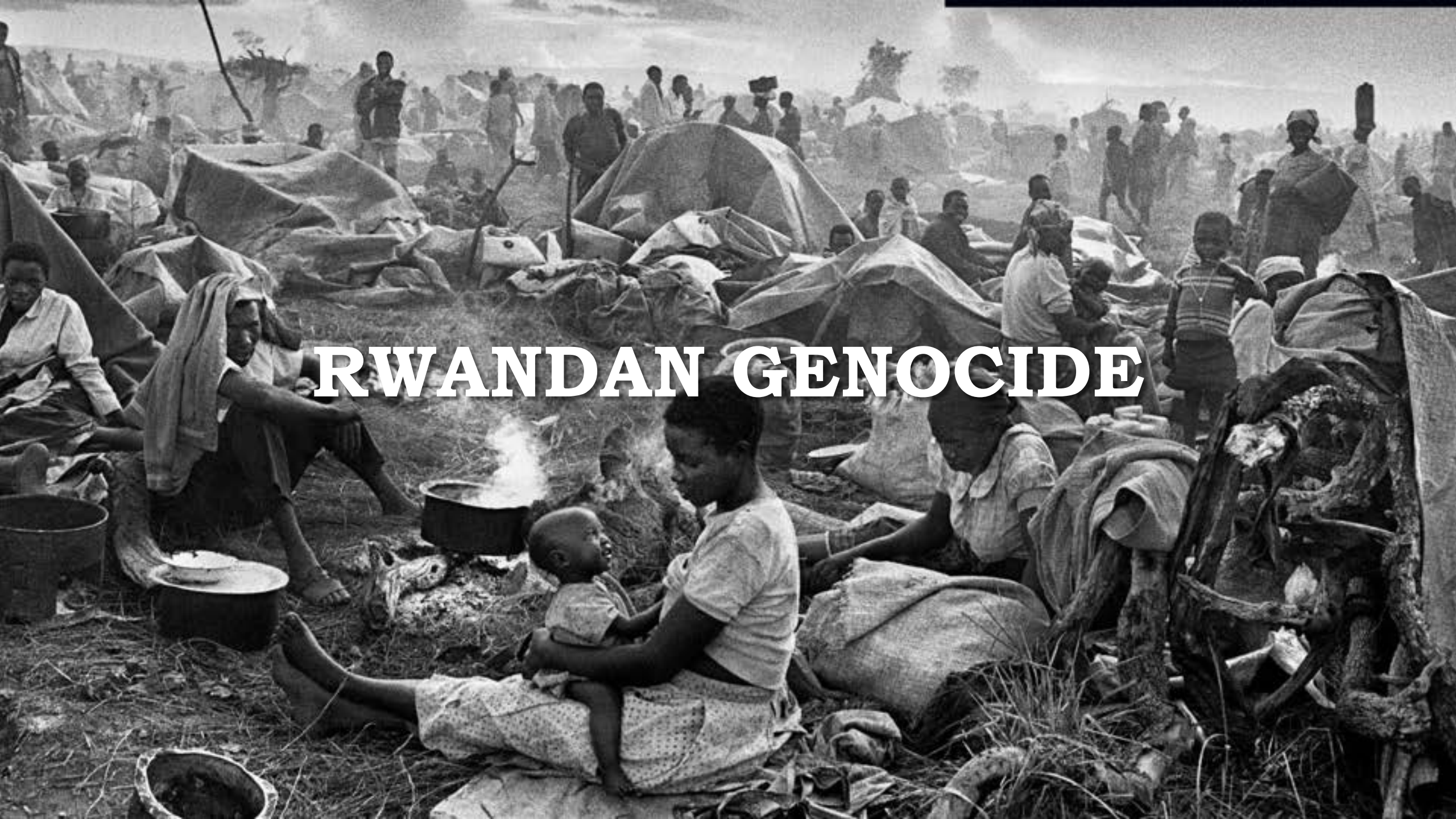
**Godly Living
Spiritual maturity**



Believers committed to living peacefully by believing that God will provide for them so they reject self interest
This harmonious atmosphere will foster the church members of live righteous lives and do righteous deeds-spiritual maturity

SPIRITUAL MATURITY





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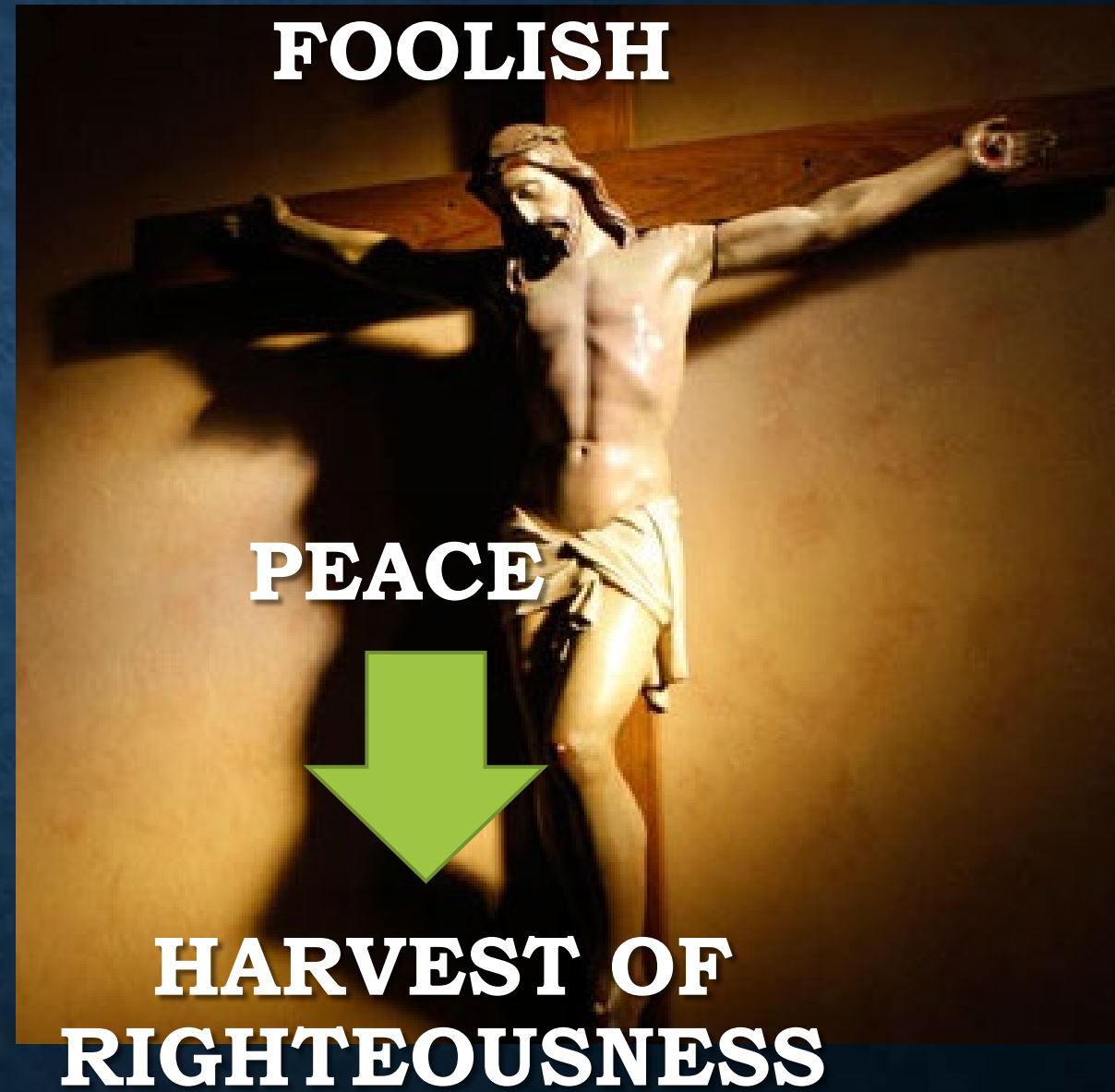
- In 2001, the poverty rate in Rwanda was as high as 77%, dropping to 55% in 2017.
- **Increasing Life Expectancy.** 26 years in 1993. to 69 as of 2019.
- Gender equality Rwanda ranked as one of the top five leading countries in gender equality alongside Finland, Iceland, Sweden and Norway
- Universal Health Care covers 96% population

OUR DEFAULT CHARACTERISTIC

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are
the peacemakers, for they
shall be called sons of God.

THE REASON IS WISDOM IN THE NT

1 Corinthians 1:24-25 (ESV) but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** 25 For the **foolishness of God** is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.





BECOME A FOOL

Christ and His work on the cross is the pivotal center of God's wisdom because it enables us to fulfil our destiny as created in His image for His purposes

JESUS MANDATE

John 20:21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

A person with a red backpack is sitting on a road that splits into two paths. The person is seen from behind, looking towards the horizon. The road is paved and leads into a field of tall grass. The sky is overcast with soft, diffused light. The overall mood is contemplative and symbolic of a choice between two paths.

Wisdom from above

Wisdom from below

Righteousness

Self Interest

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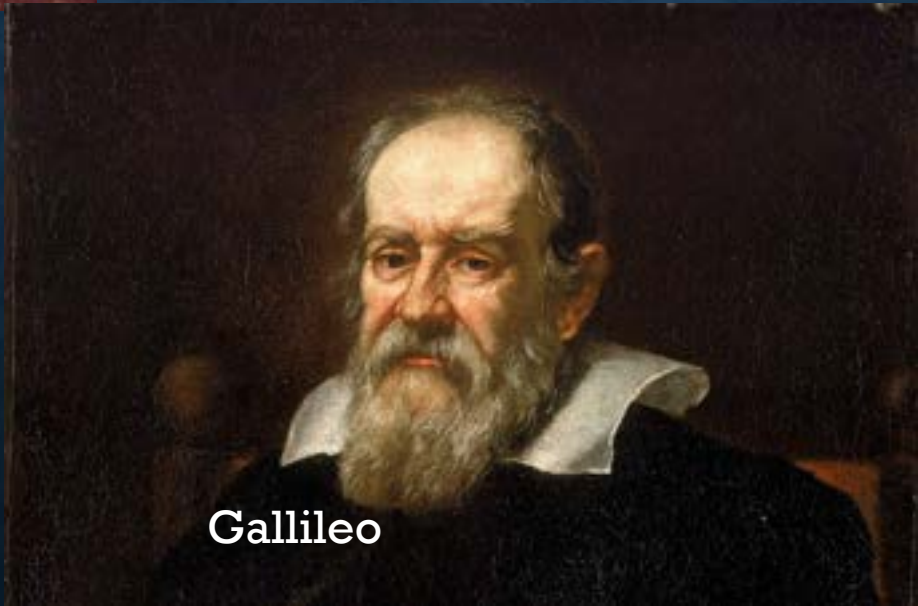
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