

If You Are Wise In This World

I. Introduction:

A. The Scriptures differentiate fleshly wisdom from godly wisdom (**II Corinthians 1:12**).

1. We read of wisdom that is from above which is shown in us by our actions (**James 3:13-18**).
2. The contrast of that is, worldly wisdom which is visible too by actions (**Romans 1:18-32**).

B. So, what does it mean if you are the “smartest person in the room”, yet you are not wise concerning the right ways of God (**Isaiah 47:8-11**)?

1. God says: “*Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight*” (**Isaiah 5:11**)!
2. When one thinks they’re smarter than God... (**Ezekiel 28:1-10**).

II. Body: **I Corinthians 1:18-31; 3:18-21**

A. The wisdom of God is greater than man’s wisdom (**Jeremiah 10:10-15**).

1. By His wisdom He created (**Psalms 104:24-27** and **Proverbs 3:19-20**).
2. By His wisdom He created and brought about a plan (**Ephesians 3:1-11**).
3. He is deeper than you, I, us; combined (**Romans 11:33-36**).

B. We must have the humility to accept the superiority of God’s wisdom (**Jeremiah 9:23-24**).

1. No matter how smart or wonderful we become in this world, we are mere mortals (**Psalms 49:10-20**).
2. The end of man is not different whether wise or foolish (**Ecclesiastes 2:12-17**).

C. After accepting His wisdom above our own, we have to act upon that knowledge by ceasing our own ways (**Isaiah 55:6-9**).

1. That means to cease from our own wisdom (**Proverbs 23:4**).
2. Once we put His wisdom to use (**Psalms 119:24**), we’ll benefit greatly (**Psalms 119:92-105; 119:130** and **Isaiah 33:6**).
3. That is accomplished by allowing the word of God to dwell in you (**Deuteronomy 4:5-6** and **Colossians 3:16**).
4. When you think about it, it really comes down to whose wisdom you trust (**Proverbs 3:5-7**).

III. Conclusion: Our faith resides in Christ, rather than in the wisdom of men of this world (**I Corinthians 2:1-5**).