

**“Wise Men” (Parts I & II)  
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- I. Ephesians 5:15-20
- A. Wise Men I
1. A wise man fears the Lord.
  2. A wise man is a blessing to those around him.
  3. A wise man is teachable and discerning.
    - a. he knows the source of truth (John 17:17)
    - b. he recognizes error (Heb 5:14; 1John 4:1,5)
    - c. he knows Godly counsel (Psalm 1:1-3)
  4. A wise man is a soul winner. (Proverbs 11:30)
  5. A wise man knows the wisdom of God is greater than the wisdom of man. (1 Cor 1:21-25)
- B. Wise Men II – Exposition & Application
1. (v 16) time
  2. (v 17) seek God’s will
  3. (v 18) be filled with the Spirit (Gal 5:19-23)
  4. (v 19) the result is worship
  5. (v 20) giving thanks reflects:
    - a.
    - b.
    - c.

**John 17:17**

7 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**Hebrews 5:14**

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

**1 John 4:1,5**

4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.  
5 They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.

**Ps 1:1-3**

1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stand in the path of sinners,  
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!  
2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.  
3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,  
Which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither;  
And in whatever he does, he prospers.

**Proverbs 11:30**

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,  
And he who is wise wins souls.

**1 Corinthians 1:21-25**

21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom;

23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,

24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.