

# What About ...

## The Wisdom of God vs. the Wisdom of the World, Part 2

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[This is a revision of a brochure, distributed by [www.relationalconcepts.org](http://www.relationalconcepts.org), which I did years ago.] God commands us to know wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:1, see also 1:1-7, 8:1-36). But worldly wisdom has serious problems:

**Worldly wisdom** says it is good to be wealthy.

**Godly wisdom** says it is good to be poor (Luke 6:20; 9:58; Philippians 3:8).

**Worldly wisdom** says I give to someone because it is good for them.

**Godly wisdom** says I give to someone because it is good for me (Mark 12:42-43; Luke 6:38).

**Worldly wisdom** says you can keep some things a secret.

**Godly wisdom** says every secret will be revealed (Luke 12:2-3; Romans 2:16).

**Worldly wisdom** says there are many ways to God.

**Godly wisdom** says there is only one way to God (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

**Worldly wisdom** says unity is when we tolerate each other's viewpoint.

**Godly wisdom** says unity is when we all agree with God (1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Timothy 6:3-5).

**Worldly wisdom** says sex should be between willing partners.

**Godly wisdom** says sex is only for marriage (Acts 15:29; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5).

**Worldly wisdom** says we should not let people take advantage of us.

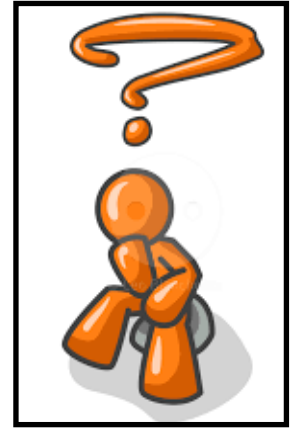
**Godly wisdom** says we should let people take advantage of us (Luke 6:29; 1 Corinthians 13:7).

**Worldly wisdom** says people come and go. Institutions live on.

**Godly wisdom** says institutions come and go, but people live on (Matthew 25:46; 1 Corinthians 15:19).

**Worldly wisdom** says love is a two-way street.

**Godly wisdom** says love is a one-way street (Matthew 5:46; 1 Corinthians 13).



**Worldly wisdom** says the Bible is a “2000-year-old book” not relevant for our progressive society.

**Godly wisdom** says the Bible is the inerrant, living, active Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12)

**Worldly wisdom** says to take care of yourself first. “Look out for number one.”

**Godly wisdom** says regard one another as more important than yourselves (Philippians 2:3-4).

**Worldly wisdom** encourages revenge.

**Godly wisdom** says to leave revenge to God (Romans 12:19).

**Worldly wisdom** says a leader is someone who is followed.

**Godly wisdom** says the leader is the one doing the most giving (Mark 9:35; 1 Peter 5:1-3).

**Worldly wisdom** says you should fix your mistakes.

**Godly wisdom** says you should confess your sin (Psalm 38:18; Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:8-10).

**Worldly wisdom** says moral tolerance is a virtue.

**Godly wisdom** says moral tolerance leads to sin (Romans 3:10-18; Revelation 2:20).

**Worldly wisdom** says the world is progressively getting better.

**Godly wisdom** says the world is progressively getting worse (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

**Worldly wisdom** says this earth is our home (our mother), and we should make it a better place.

**Godly wisdom** says believers are aliens on earth with citizenship in heaven (Philippians 3:20)