



# Godly Wisdom Versus Worldly Wisdom

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# **Ancient Worldly Philosophy vs. Christ the Truth**

Heraclites (change) vs. Parmenides (no change)

Sophism (truth uncertain) vs. Socrates (truth is knowing self)

Plato (dual realm being and becoming) vs. Aristotle (unified)

Stoicism (life stinks – endure) vs. Epicureanism (life stinks – party)

Greek Philosophy (relativism) vs. Christianity (Christ is the Truth)

# **Examples of worldly vs biblical wisdom**

World – follow you heart

Bible – trust in the Lord  
with all your heart (Prov  
3:5-6); the heart is  
deceitful (Jer 17:9)

**Examples of  
worldly vs  
biblical  
wisdom**

World – greatness is  
in power

Bible – greatness is  
in servanthood (Mt  
23:11-12)

## **Examples of worldly vs biblical wisdom**

World – get even and don't be controlled

Bible – forgive over revenge (Mt 5:44 love enemies; Rom 12:19 let God avenge)



# **Examples of worldly vs biblical wisdom**

World – seek temporary  
gain in wealth, power and  
pleasure

Bible – seek eternal  
rewards by loving God,  
loving others and following  
the Word of God

## **Examples of worldly vs biblical wisdom**

World – be proud and self-promote (social media)

Bible – be humble (Jas 4:6  
– God opposes proud,  
favors the humble; Prov 11:2  
pride brings destruction)

# The Holy Spirit's Communication Of Love Exceeds Human Experiences

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# The Holy Spirit's Knowledge Of God And Everything Is Perfect And Personal

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# Conclusion:

**The Holy Spirit is the key ...**

To salvation

To understanding God