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“We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. ...*the natural man* [who is manipulated or controlled by the god of this world – Eph. 2:2] *does not receive the things of the Spirit of God*, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Cor. 2:12,14)

“We speak *wisdom among those who are mature...*” (1 Cor. 2:6)
“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking [for things like preeminence or significance] in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist [are allowed to remain], confusion and every evil thing will be there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” (Jas. 3:13-18)

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