



Sermon



**‘the ability
to use your
knowledge
and
experience
to make
good
decisions
and
judgments.’**



PEACE

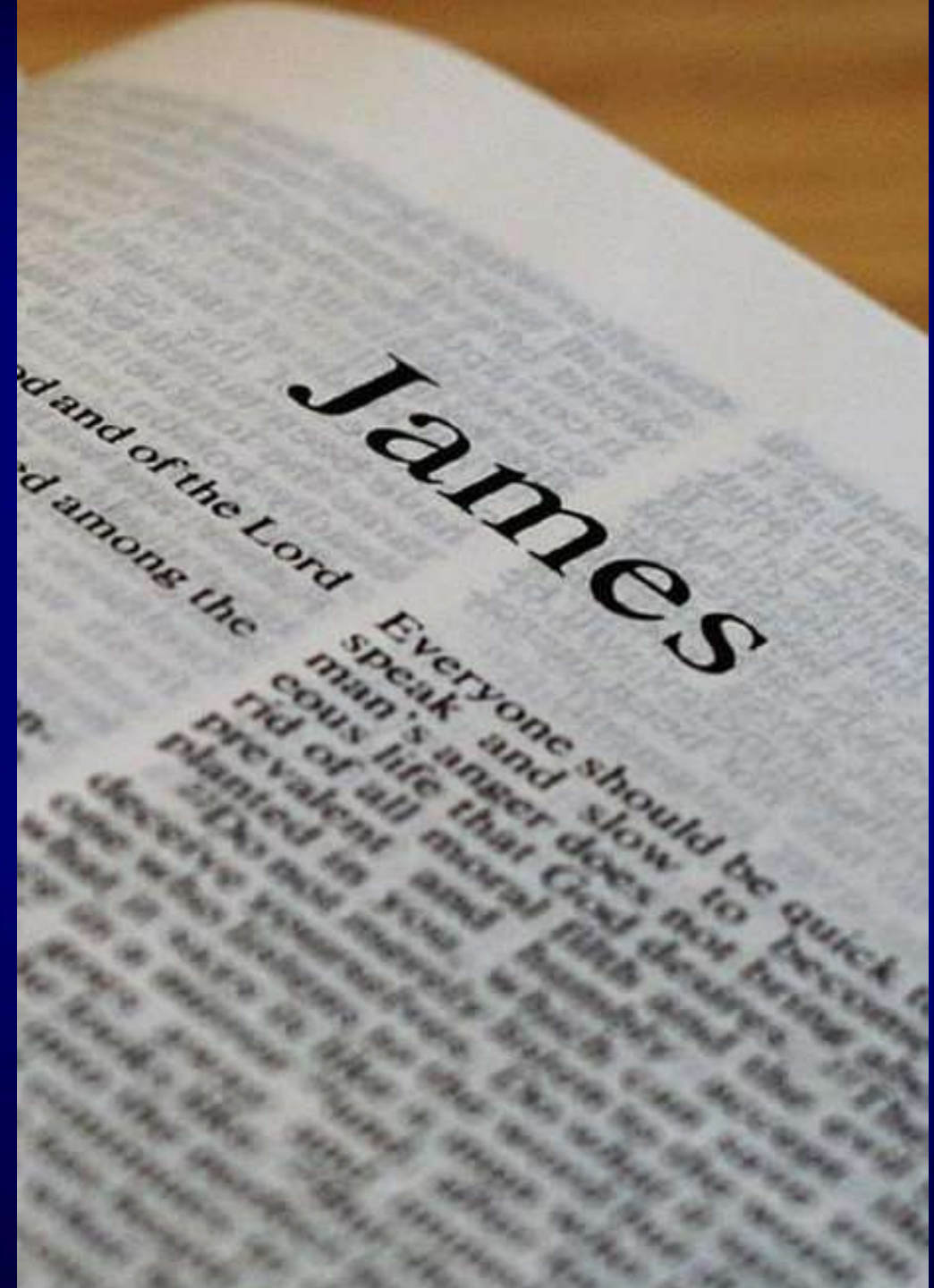
‘NO VIOLENCE’

‘CALM’

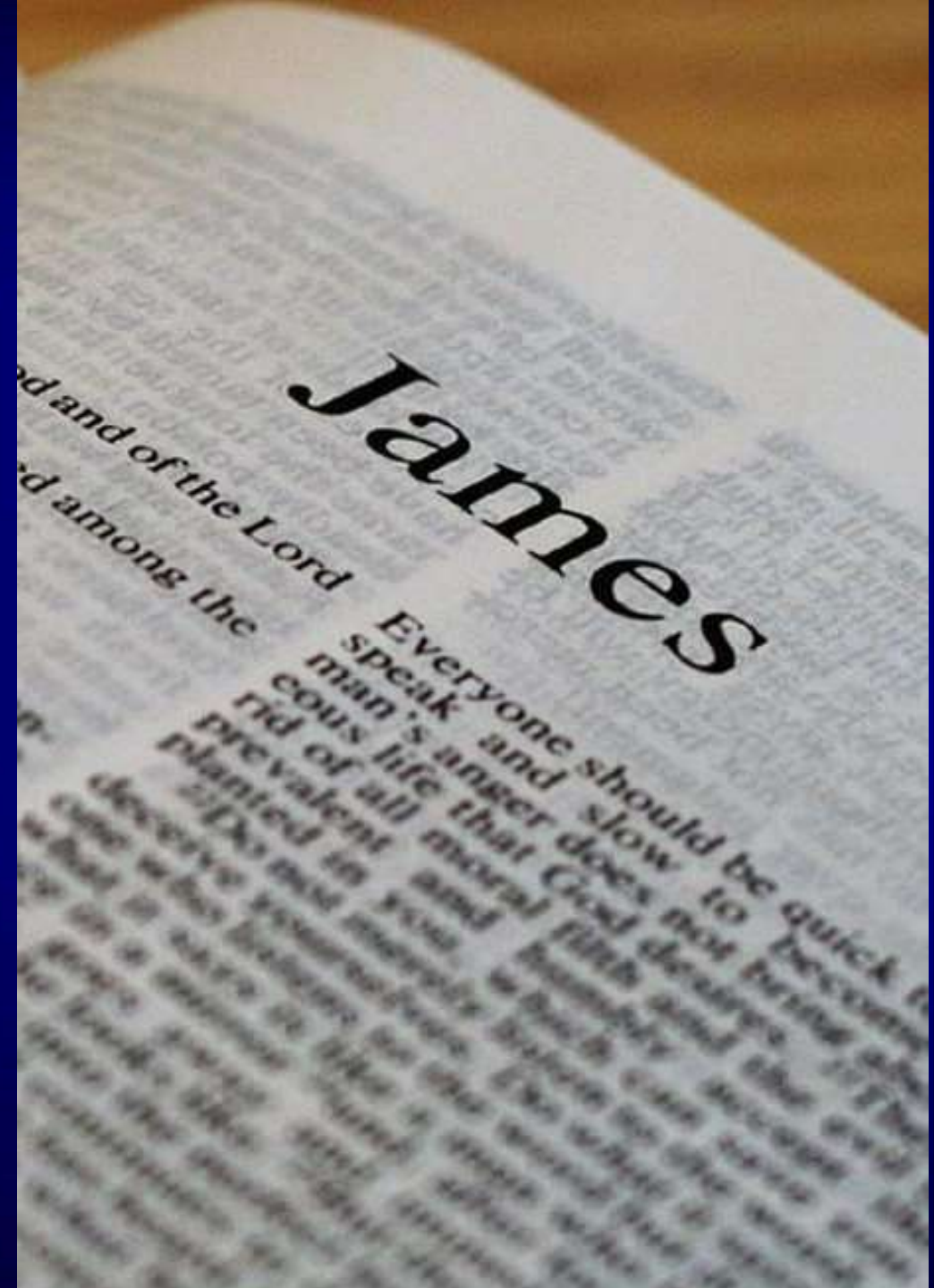




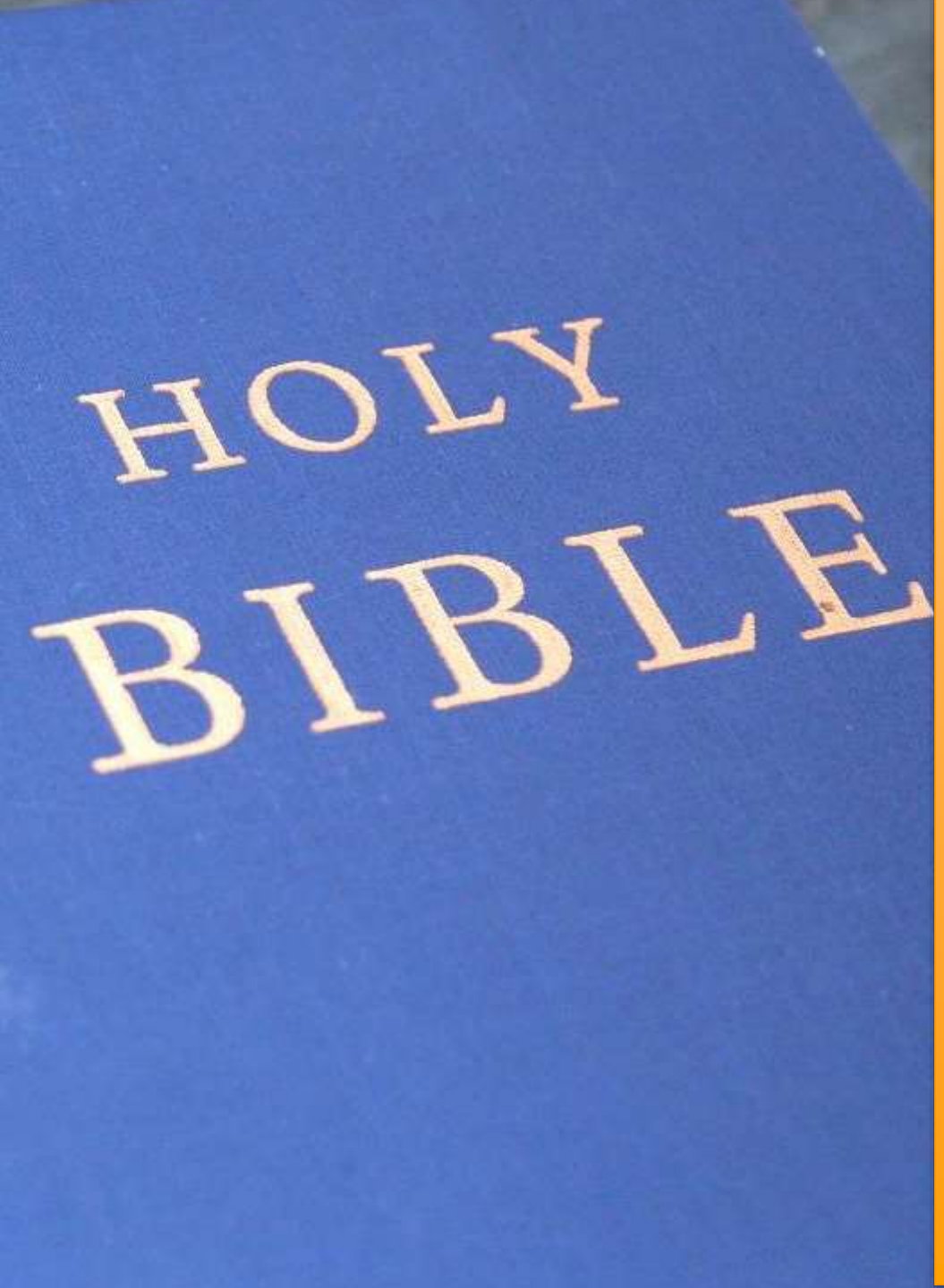
**‘The tongue of the wise
adorns knowledge,
but the mouth of the fool
gushes folly.’
(Proverbs 15:2)**



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(James 3:13)**

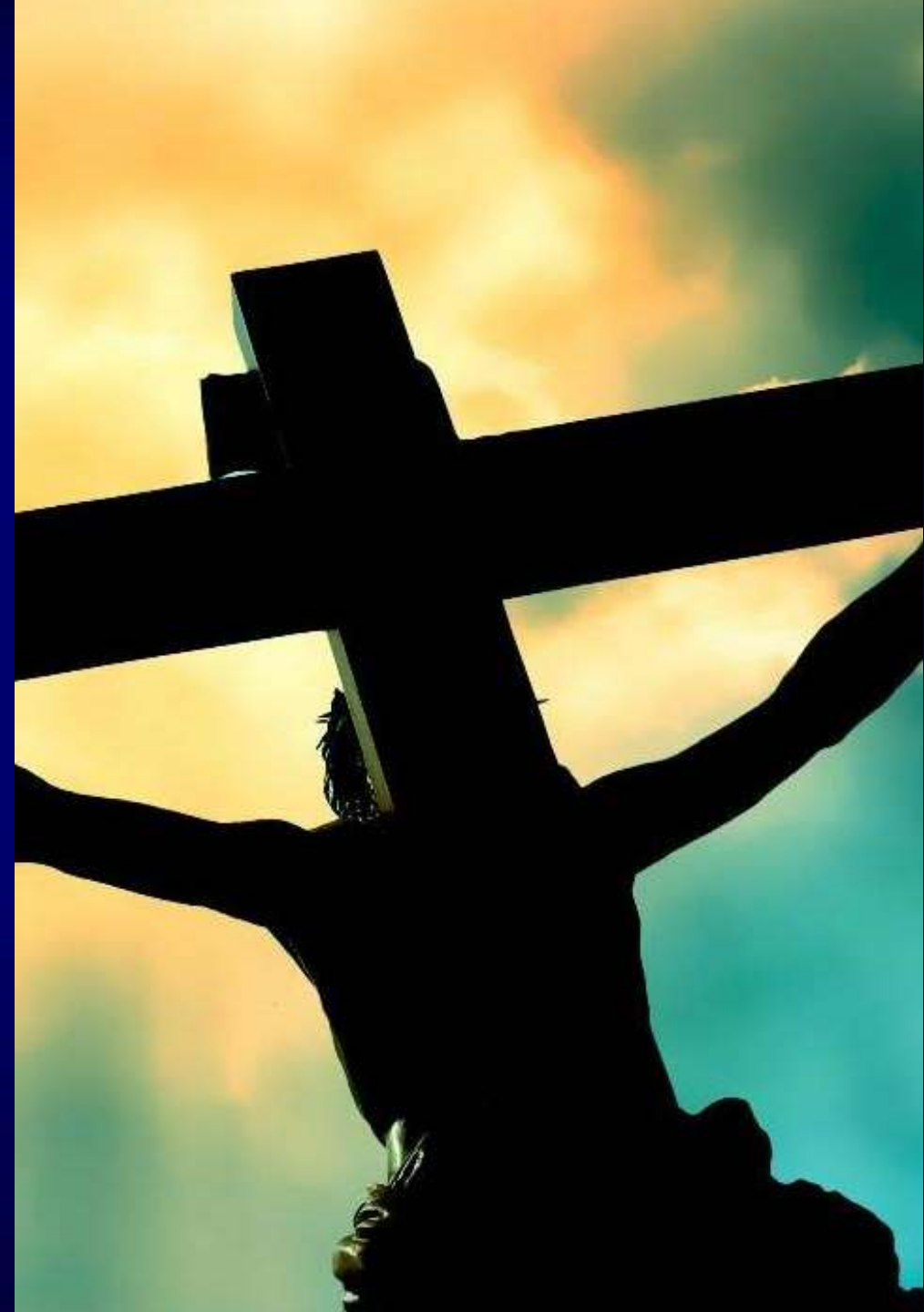


**‘The fear of the Lord is the
beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge
of the Holy One
is understanding.’
(Proverbs 9:10)**

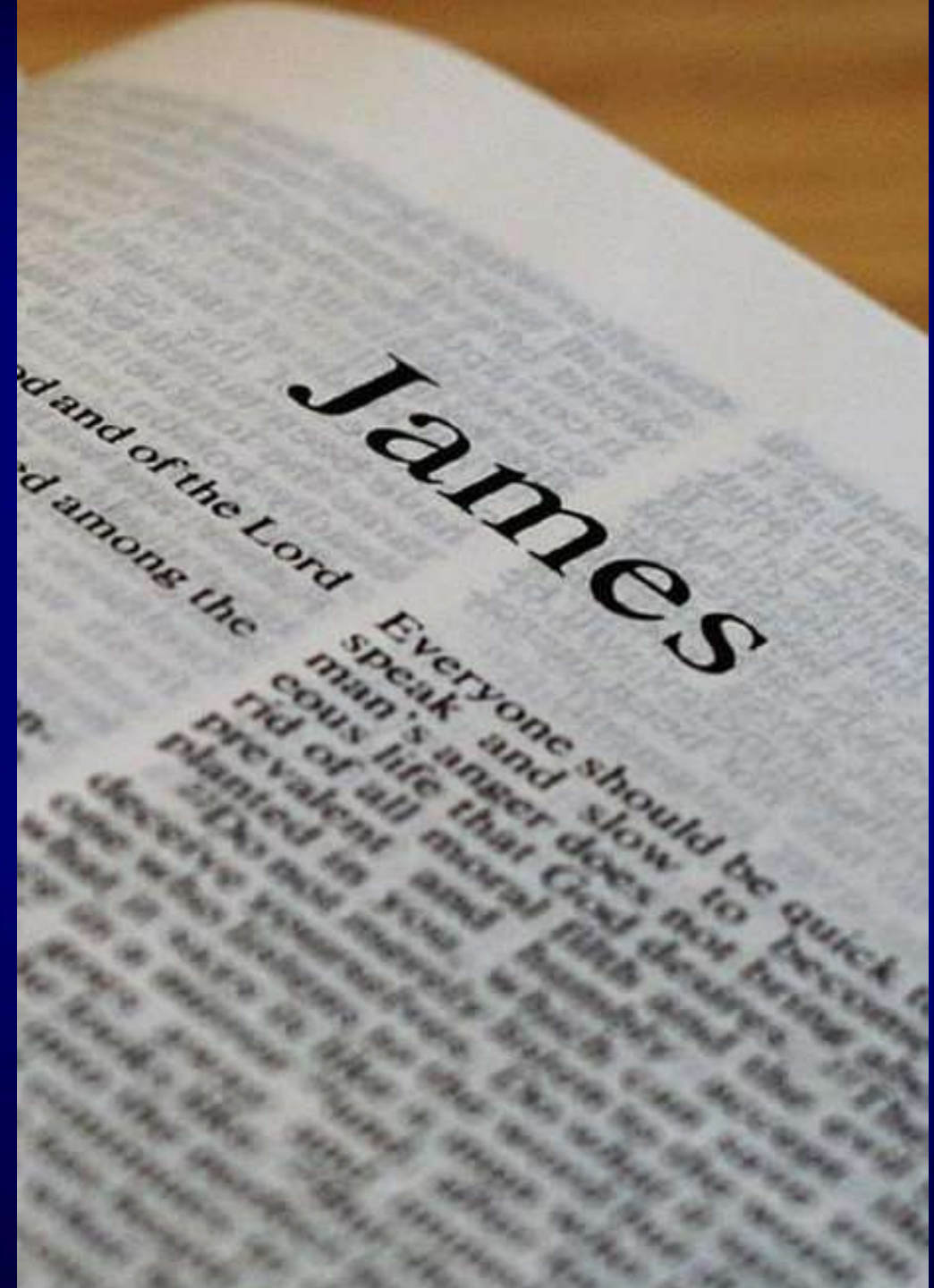


**HOLY
BIBLE**

**‘Jews demand signs and
Greeks look for wisdom, but
we preach Christ crucified:
a stumbling-block to Jews
and foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those whom God
has called, both Jews
and Greeks, Christ the
power of God and the
wisdom of God.’
(1 Cor. 1:22-24)**



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FALSE WISDOM

‘But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such ‘wisdom’ does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.’ (James 3:14-16)



**“the last thing our party needs is
Kate Forbes climbing the ladder
when she has such questionable
views on equality.”**

**- SNP member of National
Executive Committee**





**“fundamentally breach
the council’s statutory
equalities duties.”
- SNP Council Leader**



FALSE WISDOM

‘Ms Aitken is saying that because of ‘equality’ someone who holds a view, which is (for the moment) still legal...can be banned on the basis that it would be breaking the law to have him speak.’...

FALSE WISDOM

‘Given that the Catholic church, the Church of England and most evangelical churches hold the view that sex outside marriage is wrong (and marriage is between a man and a woman), does this mean that the churches are against the law?’

- David Robertson, *The Wee Flea*

FALSE WISDOM

‘totalitolerance’

“unless you agree with every single view that I have and I embrace, I want nothing to do with you and will run you out of town.”

BBC
RADIO





"I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it."

Voltaire



TRUE WISDOM

‘But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.’

(James: 3:17-18)

TRUE WISDOM

- **peace-loving: Colossians 1:20**
- **considerate: Romans 2:4**
- **submissive: Matthew 11:29**
- **full of mercy and good fruit: Ephesians 2:4**
- **impartial: Deuteronomy 10:17**
- **sincere: James 1:17**

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TRUE WISDOM LEADING TO SOCIAL SHALOM

‘shalom would be seen in people sharing resources with each other and working together so that shared public services work, the environment is safe and beautiful, that schools educate, businesses flourish, and poverty and hunger are minimal.’

- Tim Keller

‘**Peacemakers** who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness’ (James 3:18)





‘If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.’ (James 1:5)

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God’ (Matthew 5:9)