

How to Relate Wisely to Others

Developing a Faith That Works - Part 9 - James 3:13-18

"And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness." vs. 18 (LB)

*** wisdom is a LIFESTYLE(vs. 13)**

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life..."

*** Lack of wisdom causes PROBLEMS(vs. 14- 16)**

"... disharmony and all other kinds of evil ..." (Ph)

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(verse 17)

1. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T COMPROMISE MY INTEGRITY.

"The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure."

"The man of integrity walks securely" Prov. 10:9

2. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T ANTAGONIZE YOUR ANGER.

"Wisdom is ... peace loving"

*"Any fool can start arguments" the wise thing is to stay out of them."
Prov. 20:3 (GN)*

*"A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes."
Prov. 14:29 (LB)*

3. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T MINIMIZE YOUR **FEELINGS** .

"Wisdom is ... considerate" "gentle" (GN) "courteous" (LB)

"Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit." Prov. 15:4

4. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T CRITICIZE YOUR **DECISIONS / SUGGESTIONS** .

"Wisdom is ... *submissive*" Greek: "eupelthes"

"open to reason" (RSV) "it allows discussion" (LB)

"A fool thinks he needs no advice. A wise man listens to others." Prov. 12:15 (LB)

5. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T EMPHASIZE YOUR **MISTAKES** .

"Wisdom is ... *full of mercy and good fruit*"

"Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends." Prov. 17:9 (LB)

Gal. 6:1, Rom. 15:1, Mt. 7:3

6. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T DISGUISE MY OWN **WEAKNESSES** .

"Wisdom is ... *impartial and sincere*"

Greek: adiakritos & anypokritos

straightforward and *without hypocrisy*

"You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins" Prov. 28:13

"The secret is Christ himself; in him lie hidden all God's treasures of wisdom..." Col. 2:3 (NEB)