

HOW TO RELATE WISELY TO OTHERS

A Faith That Works - Part 7

James 3:13-18

"And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness." James 3:18 (LB)

- Wisdom is A _____ (vs. 13)

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

- Lack of wisdom causes _____ (vs. 14 16)

"But if you harbor 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." (NIV)

"...disharmony and all other kinds of evil..." vs 16 (Ph)

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"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." James 3:17 (NIV)

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

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

"The man of integrity walks securely" Proverbs 10:9

2. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T PROVOKE YOU TO _____

"Wisdom is...peace loving"

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

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

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

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

4. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T CRITICIZE YOUR _____

"Wisdom is...submissive" "open to reason" (RSV) "it allows discussion" (LB)

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

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

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

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

6. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T DISGUISE MY _____

"Wisdom is...impartial and sincere"

Greek: adiakritos & anypokritos
straightforward & without hypocrisy

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

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God..." James 1:5 (ESV)