

Message notes

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 _____ (vs. 13)

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

* Lack of wisdom causes _____ (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 _____ .

"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 ANTAGONIZE _____

"Wisdom is ... peace loving"

"Any fool can start arguments" the wise thing is to stay out of them."

Proverbs 20:3 (GN)

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

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

"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 _____ .

"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 _____ .

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

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

Galatians 6:1, Romans 15:1, Matthew 7:3

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

"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"

Proverbs 28:13"

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