**RELATING 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)

**HOW TO RELATE WISELY TO OTHERS**

**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"* Prov. 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."* 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .**

*"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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .**

*"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."* Prov. 17:9 (LB)

**6. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T DISGUISE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .**

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

*"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)

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KX – Knox Translation GN – Good News Translation TCNT – 20th Century New Testament

TNIV – The New Int. Ver. MS – The Message CEV – Contemp English Version

JB – Jerusalem Bible GW – God’s Word Translation Sprl – Sproul

NCV – New Century Ver. ESV – English Standard Version TEV – Today’s English Version

Mof – Moffatts Translation LB – Living Bible NEB – New English Bible

KJV – King James Version ABUV – Broadus Translation NIV – New International Version

PH – Philips Translation BER – Berkley Version RSV – Revised Standard Version