

Wisdom & Relationships

Series: Relationships

A Look At Wisdom From James 3:13-17

Wisdom Is A Lifestyle

James 3:13 “Who is wise and understanding among you. Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in humility that comes from wisdom.”

A Lack Of Wisdom Causes Problems

James 3:14-16 “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.”

Wisdom Shows Up In How We Relate

James 3:17 “But wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure, then peace-loving, considerate, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

Six Things That Wise People Don't Do In Relationships

1. If I'm Wise, I Won't Deceive Or Manipulate You

“Wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure.”

“God grants a treasure of good sense to the godly. He is their shield, protecting those who walk with integrity.” Proverbs 2:7

2. If I'm Wise, I Won't Provoke Your Anger

“Wisdom that comes from heaven is... peace-loving”

“Any fool can start arguments: the wise thing is to stay out of them.” Proverbs 20:3

3. If I’m Wise, I Won’t Belittle Your Feelings

“Wisdom that comes from heaven is... considerate”

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

4. If I’m Wise, I Won’t Be Stubborn Or Defensive

“Wisdom that comes from heaven is... open to reason”

“A fool thinks he needs no advice. A wise man listens to others.” Proverbs 12:15

5. If I’m Wise, I Won’t Major On Your Mistakes

“Wisdom that comes from heaven is... full of mercy and good fruit”

“Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends.” Proverbs 17:9

6. If I’m Wise, I Won’t Disguise My Intentions

“Wisdom that comes from heaven is... impartial and sincere”

“The lips of a liar conceal hostility and whoever spreads accusations is a fool.” Proverbs 10:18

“The secret is Christ Himself; in Him lie hidden all God’s treasures of wisdom...” Colossians 2:3