

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

James 3:13-18

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"And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness."

vs. 18 (LB)

A. Wisdom is _____ (vs. 13)

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

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

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

HOW TO RELATE WISELY TO OTHERS

(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"

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)*

Gal. 6:1, Rom. 15:1, Mt. 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" Prov. 28:13

*"The secret is Christ himself; in him lie hidden all God's treasures of
wisdom..."*

Col. 2:3 (NEB)