

Sermon Notes May 21, 2023 - "Building and Maintaining Relationships" "It Takes Wisdom" - P1

13 If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

14 But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying.

15 For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.

16 For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

17 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace-loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

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

James 3:13-18 (NLT)

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(Part 1)

Two Seed Principles for Relationships: James 3:18 (NLT)

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

1) My seed is a bridge to take my relationship from where it is to where I want it to be.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

2) My Seed Explains what I want out of this relationship and how I want others to reciprocate

2 Corinthians 9:6

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

How do I receive wisdom? James 1:5-6

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, you should pray to God, who will give it to you; because God gives generously and graciously to all.

6 But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind.

6 things you should never do:

1) **If I want to be wise in my relationships:** _____

Proverbs 2:7 (NLT)

"God grants a treasure of good sense to the godly. He is their shield, protecting those who walk with integrity."

2) **If I want to be wise in my relationships:** _____

Proverbs 20:3(GNT)

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

A) Anger, the weapon of mass destruction (WMD) Genesis 4:6-8 (NLT)

Proverbs 14:29 (TLB)

"A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes."

3) **3 ways you can irritate someone:**

A) Comparing: 2 Cor. 10:12 (Good News Translation)

"Of course, we would not dare classify ourselves or compare ourselves with those who rate themselves so highly. How stupid they are! They make up their own standards to measure themselves by, and they judge themselves by their own standards!"

B) Condemning: 1 John 3:20 (NLT)

"Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything."

C) Contradicting: Galatians 6:1 (NLT)

"Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer^l is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself."

Proverbs 14:29 (Good News Translation)

"If you stay calm, you are wise, but if you have a hot temper, you only show how stupid you are."