

SIX KEYS TO PEACE IN RELATIONSHIPS

#CRAZymAKERS: Part One

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James 3:13–18 (NLT)

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 good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

KEY VERSE (18):

And those who are **PEACEMAKERS** will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

WISE CHOICES OF A PEACEMAKER

1. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T **COMPROMISE** MY INTEGRITY.

"The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure."

The foundation for all relationships is **TRUST**.
Trust is built with **TRUTH**.

"People with integrity walk safely," (Proverbs 10:9a, NLT)

Question: Am I consistently truthful and trustworthy?

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2. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T **ANTAGONIZE** YOUR ANGER.

"Wisdom is...peace loving"

"Any fool can start arguments; the honourable thing is to stay out of them." (Proverbs 20:3, GNB)

Weapons of Relational Destruction

- Comparing

- Condemning
- Correcting

Question: Do I throw more water than gas on the fire?

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3. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T MINIMIZE YOUR DIGNITY.

"Wisdom is...gentle(NLT) / considerate(NIV) / courteous(TLB)"

"Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do." (Philippians 4:5a, NLT)

Question: Do I use sarcasm, labels, or belittling?

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4. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T CRITICIZE YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

"Wisdom is...willing to yield"

Greek: " *eupeithes*" = "open to reason" (RSV) "it allows discussion" (LB)

"A fool thinks he needs no advice, but a wise man listens to others." (Proverbs 12:15, The Living Bible)

Question: Do I actively listen and validate others?

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5. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T EMPHASIZE YOUR MISTAKES.

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

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

Question: Do I forgive and let go of the past?

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6. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T **DISGUISE** MY INTENTIONS.

"Wisdom...shows no favoritism and is always sincere"

Greek: *adiakritos* & *anupokritos*
straightforward and without hypocrisy

"God has hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ." (Colossians 2:3, GW)

LAST THOUGHT

I can't be wise until I've met Wisdom.