

FAMILY WORKS

Kelly Walter | October 7-8, 2023
Week 4: Family Works or Family Wars?

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Talk-it-Over Notes | October 7-8, 2023

REVIEW IT

Most of what we do in relationships is counter-productive. We need a lifestyle of wisdom to build great family relationships. Wisdom doesn't eliminate the problems, but it does help to minimize them. There are six things wise people never do: 1) Wise people don't compromise their integrity; 2) Wise people don't antagonize another's anger; 3) Wise people don't minimize others' feelings 4) Wise people don't criticize others' suggestions; 5) Wise people don't emphasize others' mistakes; and 6) Wise people don't disguise their intentions.

Set aside

Compromise
Antagonize
Minimize
Criticize
Emphasize
Disguise
Myself

Pick up

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Peace loving
Considerate
Allow Discussion
Merciful
Impartial and Sincere
Christ

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and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap
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James 3:17-18 (NIV)

Spend some time in the word: Read James chapter 3

TALK ABOUT IT

1. There is a lot to unpack in those two verses in James 3. What do you remember or what stood out to you in this message?
2. How many mistakes have you made in your lifetime? Would you want to keep track? How much of what we argue about really matters? — How can we let go of the mistakes of others? Is there someone you need to show mercy to this week?
3. How do you feel when someone contradicts you or condemns you without even listening to you? What can you do in your own life to keep from being contradictory or condemning?
4. Look over the box of what to set aside and what to pick up. Could you point to one of these and share a story of victory where you set one aside and picked up the other?

ACT ON IT

Let's pull this out of the air and make it doable. Identify one person you need to show one of the six keys to peace this week. Share with the group the person and the one principle.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.