

OUR IMPERFECT FAMILY
(GETTING REAL ABOUT THE HEALTH OF YOUR HOME)
Styling with Wisdom

6-27-21

Proverbs 24:3-4 - By **wisdom** a house is built, and through **understanding** it is established; ⁴ through **knowledge** its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

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

* Wisdom is _____.

* A lack of wisdom causes _____ in your relationships.

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. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find **disorder** and every evil practice.

Disorder means: confusion; comes from instability.

How to relate wisely to others:

James 3:17 - But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

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Pure means: uncorrupted--pure from fault.

1. If I'm wise, I won't compromise _____.

James 3:17 - But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; **then** **peace-loving** . . .

2. If I'm wise, I won't provoke your _____.

Proverbs 20:3 - Foolish people are always fighting, but avoiding quarrels will bring you honor. NCV

James 3:17 - But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, **considerate** . . .

Considerate means: mindful of the feelings of others.

3. If I'm wise, I won't minimize your _____.

The two most common mistakes that I make in relationships:

- I react to what people say and ignore how people feel.
- I invalidate any feelings that I don't feel myself.

James 3:17 - But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, **submissive** . . .

Submissive means: reasonable, willing to listen, open to ideas.

4. If I'm wise, I won't criticize _____.

James 3:17 - But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, **full of mercy and good fruit** . . .

5. If I'm wise, I won't keep _____.

James 3:17 - But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, **impartial and sincere**.

Sincere means: straightforward and without hypocrisy.

6. If I'm wise, I won't disguise my own _____.

James 3:18 - Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a **harvest of righteousness**.

- **Practical steps to receive wisdom:**

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

- I must _____ daily.

- I must _____ Jesus personally.

Colossians 2:2-3 - My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of **wisdom** and **knowledge**.