

YOU MAKE ME CRAZY
Pt. 1 - How to be Wise in Relationships
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HOW TO BE WISE IN RELATIONSHIPS

James 3:13-18 (TLB)

^[13] If you are wise, live a life of steady goodness so that only good deeds will pour forth. And if you don't brag about them, then you will be truly wise!

^[14] And by all means don't brag about being wise and good if you are bitter and jealous and selfish; that is the worst sort of lie.

^[15] For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, inspired by the devil.

^[16] For wherever there is **jealousy** or **selfish ambition**, there will be **disorder** and every other kind of evil.

^[17] But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peace-loving and courteous.

It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere.

^[18] And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.

1. Wisdom that comes from heaven is PURE

ALL RELATIONSHIPS ARE BUILT ON TRUST

ALL TRUST IS BUILT ON TRUTH

Ephesians 4:25 (NCV)

So you must stop telling lies. Tell each other the truth, because we all belong to each other in the same body.

Ø If I want to be wise in my relationships...
I won't **COMPROMISE MY INTEGRITY**

Proverbs 2:7 (NLT)

God grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.

2. Wisdom is PEACE LOVING

Ø If I want to be wise in my relationships...
I won't **ANTAGONIZE YOUR ANGER**

Proverbs 20:3 (TEV)

Any fool can start arguments; the honorable thing is to stay out of them.

Proverbs 14:29 (TLB)

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

3. Wisdom is GENTLE

Philippians 4:5 (TLB)

Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Remember that the Lord is coming soon.

**Hurt people always hurt people -
So look beyond their words to their feelings**

Romans 15:2 (TLB)

We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of others... Let's please the other person, not ourselves, and in doing what's good for him and build him up in the Lord.

**Feelings are neither right nor wrong -
They're just there**

Ø If I want to be wise in my relationships...
I won't **MINIMIZE YOUR FEELINGS**

Proverbs 15:4 (TEV)

Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit.

4. Wisdom is willing to YIELD to others

- ∅ If I want to be wise in my relationships...
I won't **CRITICIZE YOUR SUGGESTIONS**

Proverbs 18:15 (TLB)

Intelligent people are always open to new ideas. In fact, they look for them.

5. Wisdom is full of MERCY AND GOOD DEEDS

- ∅ If I want to be wise in my relationships...
I won't **EMPHASIZE YOUR MISTAKES**

Proverbs 17:9 (TLB)

Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends.

6. Wisdom is IMPARTIAL and always SINCERE

- ∅ If I want to be wise in my relationships...
I won't **DISGUISE MY INTENTIONS**

Proverbs 10:18 (NLT)

Hiding hatred makes you a liar; slandering others makes you a fool.

Colossians 2:3 (TEV)

Jesus is the key that opens all the hidden treasures of God's wisdom and knowledge.

Psalms 111:10 (TLB)

How can men be wise? The only way to begin is by reverence (Respect) for God. For growth in wisdom comes from obeying his laws. Praise his name forever.