

BECOMING Wiser

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Proverbs 4:7

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#8 WISDOM FOR RELATIONSHIPS - PART 1

1. It takes wisdom to build better relationships.

Proverbs 24:3, 4 (NLT) A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables.

Proverbs 14:1 (NLT) A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands.

Proverbs 4:7 (NLT) Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.

2. Relationship peace is the by-product of wisdom.

Proverbs 17:1 (NIV) Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.

Proverbs 12:20 (NIV) ... But those who promote peace have joy.

James 3:13-18 (NIV) Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 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. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 3:13-18 (NLT) 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. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. 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. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

3. It's easier to start a conflict with someone than it is to end it.

Proverbs 15:1 (NLT) A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

Proverbs 17:14 (NLT) Starting a quarrel is like opening a floodgate, so stop before a dispute breaks out.

Proverbs 20:3 (NLT) Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor; only fools insist on quarreling.

Proverbs 26:21 (TLB) A quarrelsome man starts fights as easily as a match sets fire to paper.

Proverbs 21:9 (NLT) It's better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a quarrelsome wife in a lovely home.