

THE KEY TO SANE RELATIONSHIPS

You Make Me Crazy – Part 1

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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. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 3:13-18 (NIV)

Six things that wise people do in relationships:

WISDOM that comes from heaven is...

James 3:17

1. _____.

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. Proverbs 10:9

You must stop telling lies. Tell each other the truth because we all belong to each other in the same body. Ephesians 4:25

This means: I WON'T _____.

2. _____.

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

People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great foolishness. Proverbs 14:29 (NLT)

This means: I WON'T _____!

Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly. Proverbs 14:29

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James 3:17

3. _____.

Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Philippians 4:5

This means: I WON'T _____.

Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit. Proverbs 15:4

4. _____.

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. Proverbs 12:15

This means: I WON'T _____.

Intelligent people are always open to new ideas. In fact, they look for them. Proverbs 18:15

5. _____.

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends. Proverbs 17:9 (NLT)

Mercy triumphs over judgment. James 2:13c

This means: I WON'T _____.

6. _____.

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The lips of the liar conceal hostility and whoever spreads accusations is a fool. Proverbs 10:18

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of WISDOM. Proverbs 1:7