

# THE PATH TO PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS

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JAMES 3:13-4:3

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# Introduction

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GOD WANTS YOU TO  
HAVE PEACE.

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1. God wants you to have Peace with Him. (Rom. 5:1)
2. God wants you to have His peace throughout your circumstances. (John 16:33; Phil. 4:7)
3. God wants you to take the message of peace to people who need it. (2 Cor. 5:17-18, 20)
4. God wants you to have peace in your relationships with other people. (Rom. 14:19; 12:18)

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*We will experience peace in our relationships when we live with true wisdom.*

# HOW TO SPOT A WISE PERSON: (v.13)

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1. Look for someone whose life is characterized by **MEEKNESS**.
2. Meekness has two aspects:
  - a. **GENTLENESS** – Prov. 15:1, 4
  - b. **HUMILITY** – to be “others-focused”

# FALSE WISDOM (v. 14-16)

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## 1. The CHARACTERISTICS of False Wisdom. (v. 14)

- a. BITTER ENVY is sinfully WANTING something that belongs to someone else.
- b. SELFISH AMBITION turns us from being SERVANTS of GOD into servants of OURSELVES.

# FALSE WISDOM (v. 14-16)

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## 2. The ORIGIN of False Wisdom (v. 15)

- a. Earthly – a system that is anti-God in agenda.
- b. Unspiritual – fleshly, concerned with our desires and wants.
- c. Demonic – from the Devil

# FALSE WISDOM (v. 14-16)

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3. The **OUTCOME** of False Wisdom (v. 16)
  - a. False wisdom brings **DISORDER** and **CHAOS** into your life.
  - b. Gen. 3:5



# TRUE WISDOM (v. 17, 18)

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1. The Origin of True Wisdom is GOD. (v.17)

2. The CHARACTERISTICS of True Wisdom (v.17)

a. Pure – means to be motivated by God’s GOODNESS and HOLINESS

b. Peaceable, gentle, open to reason – means to be peace-loving, gentle, and WILLING TO YIELD when appropriate

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- c. Full of mercy, good fruits – means to be controlled by **COMPASSION**, willing to meet people's needs
- d. Impartial, sincere – means we don't show **FAVORITISM**, and we're trustworthy, stable, and transparent

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3. The **OUTCOME** of True Wisdom (v.18)
  - a. Living out true wisdom means we'll be a **PEACEMAKER**.
  - b. “harvest of righteousness” – means we'll see a lot of things happen in our relationships that **PLEASE** God.

# WHAT KEEPS US FROM LIVING PEACEFULLY WITH EACH OTHER? (4:1-3)

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## 1. What is the Source of Our Conflicts?

- a. The problem is in ME.
- b. Controlling passions that are waging war within us.
- c. These internal frustrations spill out into our external relationships as we try to satisfy our desires.