

A FAITH THAT PLANTS SEEDS OF PEACE

A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't – Part 13
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Jesus: "Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS,
 for they are the ones that God will call his children."

"If you are truly a wise and understanding person, it will be seen in your life by the good deeds you do out of the humility that always comes from wisdom. BUT if in your heart, you are selfish, jealous, or bitter toward others, don't think you're wise, because it's a lie! That's never wisdom from God; instead it's from the world, and your unspiritual nature, and from the Devil himself!" - James 3:13-15

"For whenever there is envy or selfish ambition, you'll always find confusion, unrest, disharmony, rebellion, and every kind of evil." - James 3:16 (Amp)

"Real wisdom is pure, then peaceful, then considerate. It is not defensive, full of mercy and helpful, impartial and free from hypocrisy. When PEACEMAKERS plant SEEDS OF PEACE, they will harvest JUSTICE." - James 3:17-18

SIX SEEDS TO PLANT FOR PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS

1. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T _____ THE TRUTH

"Real wisdom is first of all PURE." - James 3:17

"The Lord delights in pure words." - Proverbs 15:26 (NLT)

"God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and to tell it in love."
 - Ephesians 4:15 (The Message)

2. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T ANTAGONIZE YOUR _____

"Real wisdom is . . . PEACEFUL." - James 3:17

"Any fool can start arguments: the wise thing is to stay out of them."
 - Proverbs 20:3 (TEV)

"A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes."
 - Proverbs 14:29 (LB)

3. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T MINIMIZE YOUR FEELINGS

"Real wisdom is . . . CONSIDERATE." - James 3:17

"courteous" (LB) "gentle with people" (TEV)

"We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it's written, 'The insults of those who insulted you fell on me.'" - Romans 15:1-3 (NIV)

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
 - Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

4. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T _____ YOUR SUGGESTIONS

"Real wisdom is . . . NOT DEFENSIVE." - James 3:17

Greek: "eupeithes" = reasonable "open to reason" (RSV)

"it allows discussion and is willing to yield to others" (LB)

"A fool thinks he needs no advice but a wise man listens to others."
 - Proverbs 12:15 (LB)

5. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T _____ YOUR MISTAKES

"Real wisdom is FULL OF MERCY AND HELPFUL." - James 3:17

"Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends."
 - Proverbs 17:9 (LB)

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

6. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T DESPISE OUR _____

"Real wisdom is FREE FROM PREJUDICE AND HYPOCRISY."
 - James 3:17 (TEV)

adiakritos & anupokritos = no hidden prejudice & no hypocrisy

"Show proper respect to everyone." - 1 Peter 2:17 (NIV)

"Accept each another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." - Romans 15:7 (NIV)

"The secret is Christ himself; in him lie hidden all God's treasures of wisdom . . ."
 - Colossians 2:3 (NEB)

1. Compromise 2. Anger 3. Criticize 4. Emphasize 5. Differences

栽種和平種子的信心

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“上帝賜福給締造和平的人，因為他們必稱為上帝的兒女。”

“如果你們有智慧，也明白上帝的道，就要過高尚正直的生活，本着出於智慧的謙遜行善，以此作為證明。你們心裏如果懷着苦毒的嫉妒和自私的野心，就不要用自誇和謊言來掩蓋真理。嫉妒和自私都不是屬上帝的智慧，這些東西都是屬地、屬血氣、屬鬼魔的。” - 雅各書 3:13-15 (新普及譯本)

“哪裏有嫉妒和一己私欲，哪裏就必有混亂、不安、不和、叛逆和種種邪惡。” - 雅各書 3:16 (Amplified 意譯)

“然而，那從上面來的智慧首先是純潔，然後是愛好和平，常存溫柔的心，願意讓步，充滿憐憫，多多行善，沒有半點偏私和虛偽。締造和平的人要種下和平的種子，收穫公義的果實。” - 雅各書 3:17-18 (新普及譯本)

栽種和睦人際關係的六顆種子

1. 若我有智慧，就不會在真理上

“從上面來的智慧首先是純潔。” - 雅各書 3:17 (新普及譯本)

“上主…喜歡純潔的言語。” - 箴言 15:26 (新普及譯本)

“上帝希望我們成長，明白實情，並以愛相告。” - 以弗所書 4:15 (The Message 意譯)

2. 若我有智慧，就不會惹你

“從上面來的智慧…是愛好和平。” - 雅各書 3:17 (新普及譯本)

“任何愚昧人都可以挑起爭論；遠離他們就是明智。” - 箴言 20:3 (TEV 意譯)

“明智的人會控制脾氣；他知道憤怒會招致錯誤。” - 箴言 14:29 (Living Bible 意譯)

3. 若我有智慧，就不會輕看你的感受

“從上面來的智慧…常存溫柔的心。” - 雅各書 3:17 (新普及譯本)

體貼=在意其他人的感受

“我們堅定的人，要體諒對這些事情敏感的人，不能只求一己的歡喜。我們應該幫助他人做合宜的事，使他們在主裏得到造就。因為就連基督也不是為了一己歡喜而活。正如聖經上說：「上帝啊，辱罵你的人的辱罵，都落到我身上了。」” - 羅馬書 15:1-3 (新普及譯本)

“你們要分擔彼此的重擔，這樣做就是服從基督的律法了。” - 加拉太書 6:2 (新普及譯本)

4. 若我有智慧，就不會_____你的建議

“從上面來的智慧…願意讓步。” - 雅各書 3:17 (新普及譯本)

希臘詞“eupeithes” = 明白事理，“對道理保持開放態度。” (RSV 意譯)

“容許討論，並願意向他人讓步。” (Living Bible 意譯)

“愚昧人認為自己不需任何建議，但智慧人會聽別人的話。” - 箴言 12:15 (Living Bible 意譯)

5. 若我有智慧，就不會_____你的錯誤

“從上面來的智慧…充滿憐憫，多多行善。” - 雅各書 3:17 (新普及譯本)

“愛會饒恕過錯，重提過失，會拆散摯友。” - 箴言 17:9 (Living Bible 意譯)

“溫和的話能帶來生命，但無情的言語會摧毀心靈。” - 箴言 15:4 (意譯)

6. 若我有智慧，就不會輕視我們之間的_____

“從上面來的智慧…沒有半點偏私和虛偽。” - 雅各書 3:17 (新普及譯本)

adiakritos 和 anupokritos = 沒有偏私和不虛偽

“要尊重眾人。” - 彼得前書 2:17 (新譯本)

“因此，你們應該彼此接納，就像基督接納了你們，好讓上帝得到榮耀。” - 羅馬書 15:7 (新普及譯本)

“這奧秘就是基督。在他裏面蘊藏着一切寶貴的和知識。” - 歌羅西書 2:3 (新漢語譯本)

1. 妥協 2. 生氣 3. 批評 4. 強調 5. 差異