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

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 3:16-18

SIX SEEDS TO PLANT FOR PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS

1. IF I'M WISE I will tell the truth.

The first thing you have to do is to tell the truth. Honest is the bedrock of all good relationships.

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

The Lord delights in PURE words. Proverbs 15:26

God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and to tell it in love. Eph. 4:15

2. IF I'M WISE I won't antagonize your anger.

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Any fool can start arguments: The wise thing is to stay out of them. Prov. 20:3

A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes. Prov. 14:29

3. IF I'M WISE I WON'T compromise the truth.

Real wisdom is CONSIDERATE. James 3:17

Courteous...Gentle with people.

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

Being mindful of others feelings is a big deal Be Christlike. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. The law of Christ is **Love your neighbor as yourself**.

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

Real wisdom is not DEFENSIVE.

It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others. TLB

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Prov. 12:15 A fool thinks he needs no advice, but a wise man listens to others

Have you ever heard the phrase "It's my way or the highway."

If you are going to be a peacemaker you've got to be open to reason.

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

James 3:17 says, Real wisdom is full of mercy.

It's helpful...It's full of mercy...It's forgiving...It's gracious, and it's helpful.

Are you quick to point out everything that's wrong in the world?

Are you quick to point out everything that's wrong in your home, or at work, or in your church?

Do you jump on every mistake and error.

Do you feel duty-bound that you have to remind people what didn't work?

Are you picky...picky about everything?

Mercy in the Bible says that it's a mark of wisdom. Mercy is giving people what they need, not what they deserve. When somebody stumbles you don't judge them, you encourage them.

Mercy is treating people the way God treats you. Proverbs 17:9 in the LB says, **Love forgets mistakes. Nagging about them parts the best of friends. Love forgets mistakes. That is what is wise to do in a relationship...to forget mistakes.**

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

Real wisdom is FREE FROM PREJUDICE AND HYPOCRISY. James 3:17

Show proper respect to everyone. 1 Peter 2:17

Accept one another, then, just as Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 15:7

The secret is Christ himself; in Him lie hidden all God's treasures of wisdom. Col. 2:3

We don't live in a perfect world...only God is perfect...my prayer is that as followers of Christ we will keep our eyes on Jesus...the Author, and the finisher of our faith.

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