

#### "Wisdom Makes Peace"

James 3:13-18

## **Proverbs 8:10-11**

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

### Proverbs 4:5-7

Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.

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James 1:5-6 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

### Ephesians 1:15-17

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him...

### Colossians 1:9

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...

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#### Proverbs 2:1-5

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

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- 3. We spend time with the wise.

<u>Proverbs 13:20</u> Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

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- 2. Wisdom is characterized by meekness (humility, gentleness).

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3. Earthly wisdom is characterized primarily by jealousy and selfish ambition.

## Proverbs 27:4

Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

#### Jealousy in the Bible

- 1. Cain and Abel
- 2. Sarai and Hagar
- 3. Jacob and Esau
- 4. Leah and Rachel
- 5. Aaron/Miriam and Moses
- 6. Saul and David
- 7. The Pharisees and Jesus
- 8. The Jewish Leaders and Paul
- 9. Satan and God

## Avoiding Jealousy

- 1. Remove temptations.
- 2. Celebrate others' successes.

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### Romans 5:6-11

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

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For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.