Relating Wisely to Others



James 3:13, 18

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• Wisdom is a LIFESTYLE (vs. 13)

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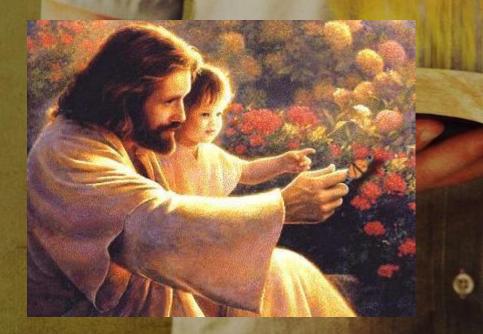
14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice."

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"All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure" 1 John 3:3



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"The way of fools seems right to them, but the <u>wise listen to advice</u>." Proverbs 12:15

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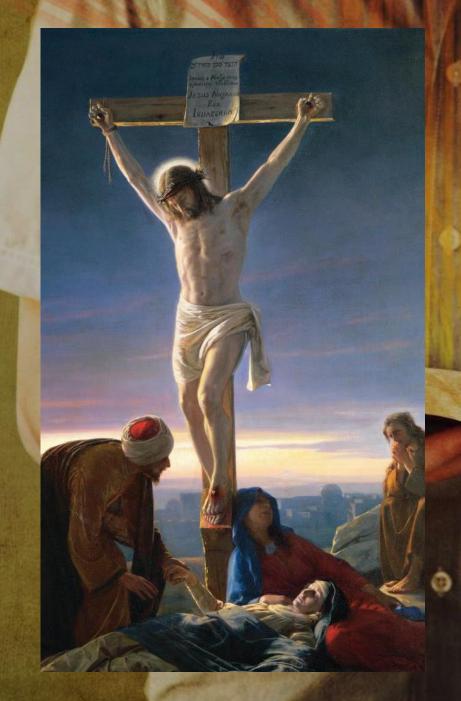
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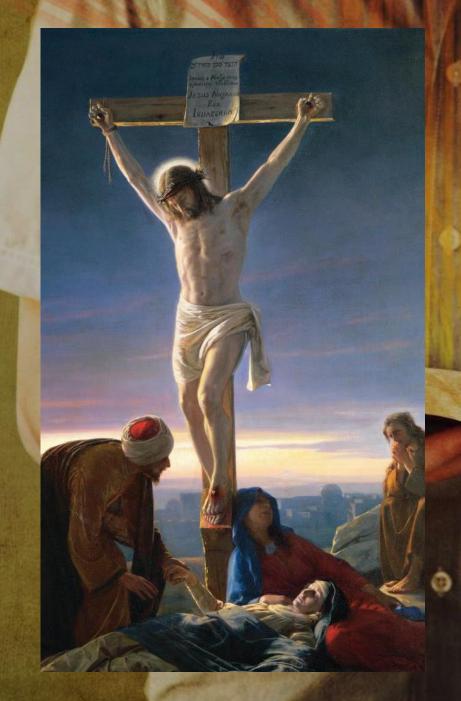
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"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Proverbs 28:13

"if any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you"

James 1:5

"... in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:2-3



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