

TO GO

1. Have you ever experienced a conflict within your family, at work, or even in the church where, upon looking back, you wished you would have handled yourself differently? Why was that perspective so hard to come by amid the conflict?
2. Read James 3:13. What does it mean to show works in the meekness of wisdom? Why is meekness such a critical ingredient? Is it possible to take an opposing viewpoint in a relationship without compromising peace? How so?
3. Read James 3:14. How do bitter jealousy and selfish ambition take root in someone's life? What do they look like during conflict? How do they tend to undermine claims to truth?
4. Read James 3:15. Why does wisdom from a human perspective have such appeal, often even for those who profess faith in Christ? Why is the advance of false wisdom such a key strategy for the Evil One?
5. Read James 3:16. What is the result of jealousy and selfish ambition? How does this stand in opposition to the true nature and mission of the church?
6. Read James 3:17. How do each of these attributes of Godly wisdom contribute to peace within relationships? How can you invite these attributes to become more a part of your consistent character and experience with others?
7. Read James 3:18. Ask the Lord to help you sow peace in all of your relationships. Then, make plans to pursue it in any relationships where you have sown discord rather than peace.