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James 3:13-18 (NLT) 13 If you are wise and understand God's ways, live a life of steady goodness so that only good deeds will pour forth. And if you don't brag about the good you do, then you will be truly wise!

14 But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your hearts, don't brag about being wise. That is the worst kind of lie.

15 For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and motivated by the Devil.

16 For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and every kind of evil.

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The three 'Cs' > Comparing > Condemning > Correcting/Condemning

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Wisdom is considerate

Philippians 4:5 (NLT) 5 Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do.

Being considerate means being mindful of the feelings of others

Everybody has a story

Mistake #1

We respond to what people say and ignore how people feel

Wisdom is gentle all the time, therefore: If I want to be wise I won't minimize your feelings

Mistake # 2 We invalidate feelings that we don't feel ourselves

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

Feelings are neither right nor wrong they just are

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Proverbs 18:15 (LB) 15 The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them.

Wisdom is willing to yield to others, therefore: If I want to be wise I won't criticize your suggestions

