

“Wisdom in Action”

Proverbs 3:27-35

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Attitudes a wise person needs to cultivate if we are to have godly relationships with other people:

1. Honesty and Generosity – 27-28

Types of obligations a wise person will fulfill:

- Paying taxes – Romans 13:7
- Paying bills
- Paying wages to someone you hire – Leviticus 19:13
- Helping people in need – James 2:14-17
- We owe everyone love – Romans 13:8
- We owe everyone the Gospel – Romans 1:14-15

2. Peaceableness – 29-30

If we are to achieve this, we must avoid two things:

(1) Treachery – 29

Examples of planning evil against a “neighbor”:

- Jezebel against Naboth
- David against Uriah
- Haman against Mordecai
- Joseph’s brothers against Joseph
- Judas against Jesus

Romans 12:18

Romans 14:19

(2) Quarreling – 30

The New Testament takes it a step further and says don’t do harm to a person who has done harm to you – Romans 12:19; Matthew 5:38-48

3. Contentment – 31-35

In verses 32-35 four reasons are given not to envy the wicked:

#1 God will be far from you if you envy – 32

#2 God will be against you if you envy – 33

#3 God will be scornful to you if you envy - 34

#4 God will give grace to you if you don't envy – 35

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