

YOU MAKE ME CRAZY

HOW TO KILL THE CRAZINESS IN CRAZY RELATIONSHIPS

The principle of return - I will reap what I sow.

You will always harvest what you plant...So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Galatians 6:7-9 (NLT)

If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:13-18 (NLT)

To kill the crazy and grow peace in relationships, start with wisdom, God's Wisdom.

SIX THINGS WISE (GODLY) PEOPLE SOW INTO RELATIONSHIPS (Verse 17)

1. They insert purity (integrity/honesty).

The wisdom that comes from above (godly wisdom) is first of all pure.

He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. **Proverbs 2:7 (NLT)**

But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No" For whatever is more than these is from the evil one. Matthew 5:37 (NKJV)

2. They pursue peace (peace loving).

It (godly wisdom) is also peace loving...

"A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 15:1(NKJV)

3. They practice gentleness (considerate).

It (godly wisdom) is also... gentle at all times.../"considerate" (NIV)

4. They practice reason.

It (godly wisdom) is also...willing to yield to others/"Open to reason" (ESV)

5. They intentionally do acts of mercy (minister).

It (godly wisdom) is full of mercy and good deeds

"Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends." **Proverbs 17:9 (TLB)**

6. They are real (genuine).

It (godly wisdom) shows no favoritism and is always sincere./
"authentic"/"genuine"/"without hypocrisy" (KJV)

Going deeper on your own. Review the passages above and the key things we need to invest into our relationships. Now answer the following questions. Do you agree or disagree that we reap what we sow? If that's true, think about the relationships in your life that drive you the most CRAZY. How well have you done sowing what God has encouraged us to sow into those relationships? Which of the six things is the hardest to do and why? Pray and ask the Lord to help you to begin sowing that characteristic into those most CRAZY relationships. Intentionally practice it over the next thirty days. One last thing, look at characteristic #5. How many mistakes have you made in your lifetime? Would you want to keep track? How can we let go of the mistakes of others? Is there someone you need to show mercy to this week? Pray for the Lord's help and intentionally set out to extend mercy and do good deeds in one of the relationships in your life that needs the CRAZY taken out of it. Then write me at Jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell me your story.