

Proverbs 28:25 (KJV) He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD **shall be made fat.**

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James 3:16 (NKJV) For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

James 3:14 (NIV) But if you **harbor** bitter envy and selfish ambition **in your hearts**, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

James 3:14 (AMP) But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, **do not pride yourselves on it** and thus be in defiance of *and* false to the Truth.

James 3:14-15 (NIV) 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, of the devil.

The prideful heart will **not** seek God's will but will seek to glorify the flesh rather than glorify God.

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Acts 15:36-40 (NKJV) ³⁶ Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are doing." ³⁷ Now Barnabas was **determined** to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul **insisted** that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.

When the relationship is in order, the enemy has no place for confusion and every evil work.

We can learn the **value of encouragement** from Barnabas, the **effect of faithfulness** from Mark, and the **humbleness of Paul**, who didn't stick to his guns proclaiming, **"I was right."**

If we desire to move forward in our walk with God, we must nurture sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and yield to Him.

James 4:1-2 (NLT) ¹ What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? ² You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

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James 1:5 (NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, **and it will be given to him.**

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Philippians 4:8 (NIV) Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, **whatever is pure**, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--**think about such things.**

Proverbs 15:1 (NKJV) A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

If you want to exhibit Godly behavior start by acting in mercy.

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Galatians 6:7 (NKJV) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**

Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV) There is a way *that seems* right to a man,
But its end *is* the way of death.

You will never function in the wisdom of God without first knowing God.

Psalm 37:8,11 (NKJV) ⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret--*it* only *causes* harm. . . . ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the **abundance** of peace.

Psalm 92:12-14 (NKJV) ¹² The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

92:14 (KJV) They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;