

Peace makers and rabble rousers

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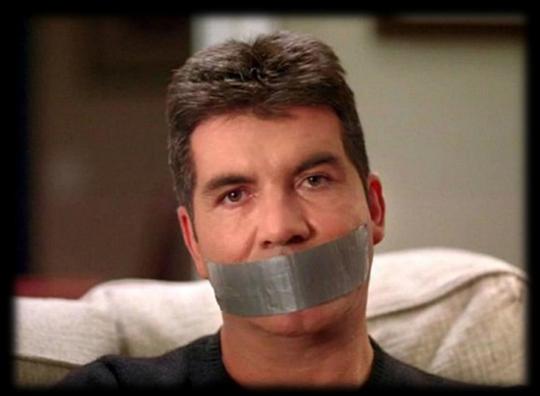
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James 3:2 Tongue control is connected to perfection



Godly wisdom

God-centred desires





If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honourable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.



Matthew 6:3-4

But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.





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.



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You desire but you do not have so you kill
You covet but you cannot get so you quarrel and fight



Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.



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James 4:6-10

God gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honour.

