

The Peacemaker's Guide for Christian Living

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1. What Does the Bible Say About Peacemaking?

The Call to Be Peacemakers

- *Matthew 5:9* - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."
- *Romans 12:18* - "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."
- *Ephesians 4:2-3* - "With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Forgiveness & Unity in the Body of Christ

- *Colossians 3:13-15* - "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."
- *Hebrews 12:14* - "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

Handling Conflict Biblically

- *Matthew 18:15-17* - "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."
- *Proverbs 15:1* - "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
- *James 1:19-20* - "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

Love & Humility in Peacemaking

- *1 Peter 3:8-9* - "Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing."
- *1 Corinthians 1:10* - "I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."
- *Philippians 2:2-4* - "Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

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2. Reflection Questions

- In what ways am I currently contributing to unity or division in my church?
- How do I typically respond to conflict? Is it in line with biblical wisdom?
- What practical steps can I take this week to promote peace in my relationships?

3. Peacemaking Prayer Guide

Use this prayer to ask God for wisdom and guidance:

"Lord, help me to be a peacemaker in my church. Give me humility (Philippians 2:2-4), patience (Ephesians 4:2-3), and a heart of forgiveness (Colossians 3:13). Let Your peace rule in my heart (Colossians 3:15) and guide my words and actions. Teach me to handle conflict with grace and truth. In Jesus' name, Amen."

4. Practical Steps for Biblical Conflict Resolution

- Go directly to the person (*Matthew 18:15*) – Speak in love, not anger.
- Listen before speaking (*James 1:19*) – Approach the conversation with a heart to understand.
- Respond with gentleness (*Proverbs 15:1*) – A kind word can diffuse tension.
- Seek godly wisdom and accountability (*Matthew 18:16*) – Bring others in only if necessary.
- Forgive and pursue reconciliation (*Colossians 3:13*) – Let love and peace guide your actions.

5. Your Peacemaking Challenge!

This week, commit to:

- ✓ Praying for unity in your church
- ✓ Resolving one small conflict biblically
- ✓ Encouraging someone with a word of peace

*We hope this guide blesses you as you seek to be a peacemaker in the body of Christ. Be sure to share your journey with us on the **She is His Podcast** with The Pretty & Wise Co.!*

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