



Part 2

Proactive Peace

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:9

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:18

*"the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control."*

Galatians 5:22-23

Misconceptions about making peace with others:

- **Peace is not avoiding the problem**
- **Peacemaking is not appeasing the person**
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5 Steps to be a P-E-A-C-E Maker

#1 Pursue Them

"If ... you remember that your brother has something against you ... go at once to make peace ..."

Matthew 5:23-24

When and How? Go at once & Go alone

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:3

#2 Eagerly Listen to Them

Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude..

1 Peter 3:8

#3 Attack the Problem Not the Person

"Bold reproof leads to peace."

Proverbs 10:10

"By speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we grow up in every way to Christ."

Ephesians 4:15

The truth and spirit of love. Means:

Honesty, and Gentle

Forthright and Kind

Genuine and Humble

#4 Cooperate As Much As Possible

"Wisdom is peace loving and courteous. It allows discussion. It's willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere."

James 3:17

#5 Emphasize Reconciliation Not Resolution

"God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

2 Corinthians 5:18