

PEACEMAKING PART 2

Do All That Is in Your Power to Pursue Peace *Matt 5:9; Heb 12:14*

- A. Don't stir up strife. *Rom 16:17; Prov 6:19; 26:21; 18:21; 10:19; Titus 3:10; Eph 4:29; Jas 1:19; 3:1ff*

- B. Overlook minor offenses. *Rom 14:19; 1 Pet 4:8; Prov 10:12; 19:11; 29:11, 20, 22; 25:28; 15:18; 14:19; Matt 5:39-40; Phil 2:5ff; Matt 5:39-40; 1 Cor 13:7*

- C. Be ready to make sacrifices for the sake of peace. *1 Cor 6:7; Prov 17:14*

- D. Trust God to defend your interests. *1 Pet 2:23*

- E. Confess your sins: Get the log out of your eye. *Matt 7:1-5; 5:23-24; Prov 28:13*
 - 1. You must deal with your own sin before you can help others to overcome theirs.

 - 2. Face up to the root of sin in your own heart. *Jas 4:1-2; Prov 2:24; Matt 15:18*

 - 3. Seek forgiveness for whatever fault you may have (even if it is only 10%).

4. Seek forgiveness biblically (“The Seven A’s of Confession” from *The Peacemaker**).

Matt 5:23-24; 2 Cor 7:10-11

- Address everyone involved .

- Avoid “if, but, maybe.”

- Admit specifically.

- Acknowledge the hurt.

- Accept the consequences.

- Alter your behavior.

- Ask for forgiveness .

F. Be ready to forgive others as God has forgiven you. *Ps 86:5; Eph 4:32; Col 3:12-14*

1. Forgiveness is not optional for forgiven people. *Matt 6:12; 18:21-35; Jer 31:34*

2. Make the four promises of forgiveness (from *The Peacemaker**). *Matt 6:12; 1 Cor 13:5*

- I will not think about this incident.

- I will not bring this incident up and use it against you.

- I will not talk to others about this incident.

- I will not allow this incident to stand between us.

G. Use the PAUSE principle in negotiating/peacemaking (from *The Peacemaker**).

1. Prepare for peacemaking. *1 Cor 4:13*

2. Affirm relationships. *1 Cor 13:7*

3. Understand the interests of others: listen! *Phil 2:3-4; Jas 1:19; 1 Pet 3:7; Prov 20:5*

4. Search for creative solutions. *Dan 1; Ecc 9:16*

5. Evaluate options objectively and reasonably.

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Booklets

Peacemaker Ministries, *Peacemaking Principles Pamphlet*.