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*


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.

**Booklets**

Peacemaker Ministries, *Peacemaking Principles Pamphlet.*