

Making Relationships Last A Lifetime- part 3 "WE ALL NEED PEACE"

"Fools start fights everywhere; wise men try to keep peace." Prov. 29:8

Misconceptions about peacemaking:

It's not avoiding a problem

It's not appeasing the other person

HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKER (P.E.A.C.E.)

Plan A Peace Conference

"If. . . you remember that your brother has something against you. . . go at once to make peace. . ." Matt. 5:23-24 (GN)

"Try to live in peace with everyone; work hard at it." Ps. 34:14 (LB)

Empathize With Their Feelings

". . . be full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds." 1 Pet. 3:8 (LB)

". . . you husbands should try to understand your wives. . ." 1 Pet. 3:7

"We must bear the burden of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others. . ." Rom. 15:2 (LB)

"None of you should think only of his own affairs, but consider other people's interests also." Phil. 2:4 (Ph)

Attack The Problem Not The Person

"By speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we grow up in every way to Christ." Eph. 4:15 (GN)

"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed. . ." Eph. 4:29 (GN)

7 Ground Rules Of Fair Fighting: NEVER . . .

1. Compare
2. Condemn
3. Command
4. Challenge
5. Condescend
6. Contradict
7. Confuse

Cooperate As Much As Possible

"Do everything possible, on your part, to live at peace with all men." Rom. 12:8 (GN)

". . . wisdom. . . is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere." James 3:17 (LB)

Emphasize Reconciliation Not Resolution

Reconciliation - to reestablish the relationship

Resolution - to resolve every issue

". . . God. . . has reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Cor. 5:18 (NASB)

"Let the peace of heart that comes from Christ be always present in your hearts. . ." Col. 3:15 (LB)

"Do you want more and more of God's kindness and peace? Then learn how to know Him better and better." 2 Pet. 1:2

"Christ Himself is our peace. . ." Eph. 2:14 (NCV)