

Series: “Secrets to a Happy Life” - Part 4

“How to Reconcile a Relationship”

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God blesses those who are peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.”

Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT PEACEMAKING

What peacemaking is not!

- It’s not _____ and
- It’s not _____.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY UNRESOLVED CONFLICT

It blocks my _____

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“Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.”

James 3:18 (NLT)

HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKER

1. _____

“If you’re standing before the altar in the Temple, giving an offering to God, and you suddenly remember someone has something against you, leave your offering there beside the altar. Go at once and first be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your gift to God.”

Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

2. _____

“If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you . . .”

James 1:5 (LB)

3. _____
“Don’t get bitter or angry or use harsh words that hurt each other. Don’t yell at one another or curse or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.” Ephesians. 4:31-32 (CEV)

Proverbs 13:10 (NCV); Matthew 7:3,5 (NCV)

4. _____
“. . . be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”
James 1:19 (NLT); Philipians 2:4-5 (NIV); Romans 15:2 (LB)

5. _____
“Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”
Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)

“Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed . . .” Ephesians 4:29 (TEV)

6. _____
“You must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.” Col 3:8 (NIV)

7. _____

Reconciliation = reestablish the relationship

Resolution = resolve every issue

“God has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships. God was in Christ restoring his relationship with humanity. He didn’t hold people’s faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others. We are Christ’s representatives . . . We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (GW)