

Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Romans 14:19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

I. A Desire For Peace From Both Of The Estranged Parties

Proverbs 26:17 He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own Is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

Psalm 120:7 I am for peace; But when I speak, they are for war.

Psalm 34:14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

II. Humility

Proverbs 13:10 By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.

Matthew 5:23-25 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

III. Meaningful Respectful Communication

James 1:19-20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 18:13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.

Proverbs 15:28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger calms a dispute.

IV. A Willingness To Face The Truth

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

Proverbs 12:1 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid.

V. A Willingness To Change Where You Are Wrong

Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

Proverbs 15:32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.

Proverbs 27:12 A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; The simple pass on and are punished.

VI. A Willingness To Forgive

Colossians 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

Luke 17:3-4 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."