

HOW TO RECONCILE A RELATIONSHIP

The Keys to a Blessed Life (8 Beatitudes) – Part 7

Matthew 5:9 (NLT) “God blesses those who are peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.”

DAMAGE CAUSED BY UNRESOLVED CONFLICT

- blocks my _____.

1 John 4:20 “You can’t love God whom you’ve never seen if you don’t love the people you do see. To claim that you love God while hating others makes you a liar.

- blocks my _____.

1 Peter 3:7 “Husbands, be considerate of your wives, and treat them with respect... so that nothing hinders your prayers.”

- blocks my _____!

James 3:18 (NLT) “Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.”

HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKER

1. MAKE _____

Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT) “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.”

Genesis 3:10 “Adam said to God, ‘I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and so I hid.’”

2 Timothy 1:7 “God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but a spirit of power, and love, and self-discipline.”

2. ASK GOD _____

James 1:5 (LB) “If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you . . .”

3. BEGIN WITH _____

James 4:1 “What causes fights and quarrels among you? They are caused by selfish desires that are continually at war inside you.”

Proverbs 13:10 (NCV) “Pride only leads to arguments...”

Matthew 7:3, 5 (NCV) “Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend’s eye, but you don’t notice the big piece of wood in your own eye?... First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend’s eye.”

4. LISTEN FOR _____!

James 1:19 (NLT) “. . . be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”

Philippians 2:4-5 (NIV) “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”

Romans 15:2 (LB) “...we must bear the ‘burden’ of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others...” Circle “doubts and fears.”

5. SPEAK THE _____!

Ephesians 4:15 “Speak the truth in love.”

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

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

6. FIX THE PROBLEM, _____!

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

7. FOCUS ON RECONCILIATION, _____

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (GW) “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.”