

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.
—MATTHEW 5:9

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DEFINE IT:
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PEACEMAKER?

"A 'PEACEMAKER' IS SOMEONE WHO RECONCILES PEOPLE WITH GOD AND WITH ONE ANOTHER. PEACEMAKING, AS SUCH, REQUIRES TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO GET INVOLVED IN CONFLICTS WITH THE INTENTION OF BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE PARTIES AT ODDS...

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THE GREEK WORD FOR PEACE, EIRENE, GOES BEYOND THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT. IT ENCOMPASSES THE IDEA OF WHOLENESS AND WELL-BEING. PEACEMAKERS, THEREFORE, ARE THOSE WHO ACTIVELY SEEK TO RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS AND CREATE ENVIRONMENTS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND LOVE."

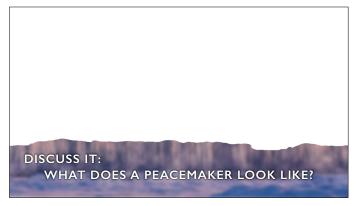
IWHAT CAUSES QUARRELS
AND WHAT CAUSES FIGHTS
AMONG YOU? IS IT NOT THIS,
THAT YOUR PASSIONS ARE AT
WAR WITHIN YOU? 2YOU DESIRE
AND DO NOT HAVE, SO YOU
MURDER. YOU COVET AND
CANNOT OBTAIN, SO YOU
FIGHT AND QUARREL.
YOU DO NOT HAVE,
BECAUSE YOU DO NOT ASK.

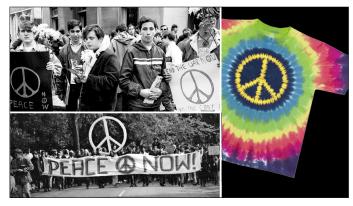
—JAMES 4:1-2

FOR IT WAS THE FATHER'S
GOOD PLEASURE FOR ALL
THE FULLNESS TO DWELL
IN HIM, AND THROUGH HIM
TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS
TO HIMSELF, HAVING MADE
PEACE THROUGH THE
BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.
—COLOSSIANS 1:19-20

"WITH EACH BEATITUDE, ANOTHER NAIL IS DRIVEN INTO A COFFIN. INSIDE THE COFFIN LIES THE CORPSE OF A FALSE UNDERSTANDING OF SALVATION. THE FALSE UNDERSTANDING SAYS THAT A PERSON CAN BE SAVED WITHOUT BEING CHANGED. OR, THAT A PERSON CAN INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE EVEN IF HIS ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS OF UNBELIEVERS."—JOHN PIPER

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"ANYONE CAN LOVE PEACE,
BUT JESUS DIDN'T SAY,
'BLESSED ARE THE
PEACE-LOVERS.'
HE SAYS 'PEACEMAKERS.'
HE IS REFERRING TO
A LIFE VOCATION,
NOT A HOBBY ON THE
SIDELINES OF LIFE."

"THE WORDS PEACE AND APPEASEMENT ARE NOT SYNONYMS. FOR THE PEACE OF GOD IS NOT A PEACE AT ANY PRICE. HE MADE PEACE WITH US AT IMMENSE COST, EVEN AT THE PRICE OF THE LIFEBLOOD OF HIS ONLY SON. WE, TOO—THOUGH IN LESSER WAYS—WILL FIND PEACEMAKING A COSTLY ENTERPRISE. TO PROCLAIM, 'PEACE, PEACE,' WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE IS THE WORK OF A FALSE PROPHET, NOT THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS (JER. 6:14; 8:11). WHEN WE OURSELVES ARE INVOLVED IN A QUARREL, THERE WILL BE EITHER THE PAIN OF APOLOGIZING TO THE PERSON WE HAVE INJURED OR THE PAIN OF REBUKING THE PERSON WHO HAS INJURED US."



"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT BY ME."

—JOHN 14:6

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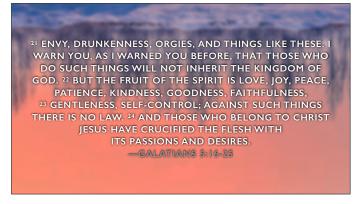
DEMONSTRATE IT:
HOW CAN I BE A PEACEMAKER?

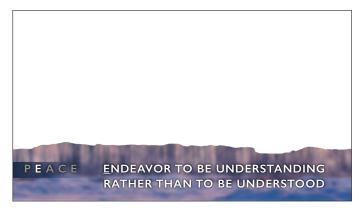
"THE GOSPEL IS NOT ONLY ABOUT WHERE YOU WILL LIVE FOR ETERNITY, IT'S ALSO ABOUT HOW YOU WILL LIVE TODAY." —SHANE PRUITT

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PEACE <u>P</u>URPOSE TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT

I*BUT I SAY, WALK BY THE SPIRIT, AND YOU WILL NOT GRATIFY THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH. 17 FOR THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH ARE AGAINST THE SPIRIT, AND THE DESIRES OF THE SPIRIT ARE AGAINST THE FLESH, FOR THESE ARE OPPOSED TO EACH OTHER, TO KEEP YOU FROM DOING THE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO. 18 BUT IF YOU ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT, YOU ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW. 19 NOW THE WORKS OF THE FLESH ARE EVIDENT: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, SENSUALITY, 20 IDOLATRY, SORCERY, ENMITY, STRIFE, JEALOUSY, FITS OF ANGER, RIVALRIES, DISSENSIONS, DIVISIONS,





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JOO NOTHING FROM SELFISH
AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT
IN HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS
MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN
YOURSELVES. LET EACH OF
YOU LOOK NOT ONLY TO HIS
OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO TO
THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS.
SHAVE THIS MIND AMONG
YOURSELVES, WHICH IS YOURS
IN CHRIST JESUS.
—PHILIPPIANS 2:3-5

HE WHO FINDS A WIFE FINDS A GOOD THING AND OBTAINS FAVOR FROM THE LORD. —PROVERBS 18:22

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WHOEVER IS SLOW TO ANGER HAS GREAT UNDERSTANDING, BUT HE WHO HAS A HASTY TEMPER EXALTS FOLLY. —PROVERBS 14:29



IA SOFT ANSWER
TURNS AWAY WRATH,
BUT A HARSH WORD
STIRS UP ANGER.

2THE TONGUE OF THE WISE
COMMENDS KNOWLEDGE,
BUT THE MOUTHS OF FOOLS
POUR OUT FOLLY.

—PROVERBS | 5; | -2

LET NO CORRUPTING TALK
COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTHS,
BUT ONLY SUCH AS IS
GOOD FOR BUILDING UP,
AS FITS THE OCCASION,
THAT IT MAY GIVE GRACE
TO THOSE WHO HEAR.
—EPHESIANS 4:29

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THEREFORE,
CONFESS YOUR SINS
TO ONE ANOTHER AND
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER,
THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED.
THE PRAYER OF
A RIGHTEOUS PERSON
HAS GREAT POWER
AS IT IS WORKING.

—JAMES 5:16

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"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
AND ONE SURE WAY
OF PEACEMAKING IS TO LET
THE FIRE OF CONTENTION
ALONE. NEITHER FAN IT,
NOR STIR IT, NOR ADD FUEL
TO IT, BUT LET IT GO OUT BY
ITSELF. BEGIN YOUR MINISTRY
WITH ONE BLIND EYE AND
ONE DEAF EAR."
—CHARLES SPURGEON

17THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME. 18ALL THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO THROUGH CHRIST RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; 19THAT IS, IN CHRIST GOD WAS RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM, AND ENTRUSTING TO US THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION. 20THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. WE IMPLORE YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD. —2 CORINITHIANS \$117-20

"THE SON OF GOD BECAME A MAN TO ENABLE MEN TO BECOME SONS OF GOD."

—C.S. LEWIS