Living a Life of Peace Making

BEING ALL IN WITH GOD

ROMANS 12:18
MATTHEW 5:23-24
MATTHEW 18:15-17

1. Live at Peace With Everyone

Romans 12:18

If possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.

A Peacekeeper

avoids or surpresses conflict to maintain

a superficial sense of calm.

A Peacemaker

actively engages in and resolves conflict

to build deep and lasting reconciliation.

2. Not all conflict needs a big resolution to establish peace.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers a multitude of sins.

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

How do you know when to simply have grace and move on after a conflict versus when do you need to address the conflict in order to make peace?

You need to address it when and if your relationship is broken or the issue remains a barrier between you.

3. Get the Log our of your Eye

Matthew 7:1-5

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

4. The Ultimate Goal of conflict resolution is Peace

Hebrews 12:14

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble.

Heart Posture

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So when does it?

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If you have offended or hurt someone.

Matthew 5:23-24

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

If you have been hurt or offended.

Matthew 18:15-17

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two othersalong with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

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4. They aren't going to be allowed to have close access to your life.

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Our God is a God who comforts, heals and restores.

Nothing is ever too broken to be beyond His reach.