

FINDING YOUR MISSING PEACE **Peace on Earth - Christmas Series**

"Happy are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God." Matthew 5:9

1. Misconceptions about Peacemaking

- It's not **AVOIDING**.
- It's not **APPEASEMENT**.

2. Why be a Peacemaker? Because unresolve conflict:

- **Blocks my FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.**

"How can a man say 'I love God' and hate his brother at the same time?" 1 John 4:20-21, 1:3-4.

- **Prevents ANSWERED PRAYERS.**

"Husbands, if you don't treat your wife right forget about praying." 1 Peter 3:7

- **Hinders my HAPPINESS.**

"You are only hurting yourself with your anger..." Job18:4 (GNT)

3. How to become a Peacemaker - P.E.A.C.E

PLAN A PEACE CONFERENCE

"... If you remember your brother has something against you ... [you] go at once and make peace..." Matthew 5:23-24 (GNT)

EMPATHIZE WITH THEIR FEELINGS

"None of you should think only of his own affairs, but [consider]... other peoples interest also." Philippians 2:4 (PHILLIPS)

ATTACK THE PROBLEM NOT THE PERSON

"A gentle answer quiets anger, but a harsh one stirs it up."
Proverbs 15:1 (GNT)

COOPERATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

"Do everything possible on your part, to live at peace with all men."
Romans 12:18

"By this shall all men know that you're My disciples, that you have love for one another." John 13:35

"Peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness." James 3:18

EMPHASIZE RECONCILIATION NOT RESOLUTION

"God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18

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"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you..." John 14:27 (NIV)

"... And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give..."
John 14:27 (NLT)

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts..." Colossians 3:15

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