

Choose Peace
Living a Life of Blessing - Part 7
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Matthew 5:9 (NIV) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

James 3:18 (NLT) And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

1. Go _____.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV) 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.

2. Seek _____.

James 1:5 (NLT) If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

3. Take _____.

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? How can you say to your friend, "Let me take that little piece of dust out of your eye?" **Look at yourself!** You still have that 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 _____.

James 1:19 (NLT) Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be **quick to listen**, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

5. Be _____.

Proverbs 12:18 (NLT) Some people make cutting remarks, but **the words of the wise bring healing.**

Ephesians 4:29 (GNT) Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, **so that what you say will do good to those who hear you.**

6. Seek solution _____.

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

Final Truths:

Romans 12:18 (NIV) If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

1. Peacemaking is _____.

"If it is possible"

2. Peacemaking takes _____...**or more.**

"as far as it depends on you"

3. Peacemaking _____ **work.**

"If"