

Keeping the Peace

Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!
Matthew 5:9 GNB

To Escape the Cycle of Conflict...

1. **Expect relationship challenges.**

...In the world you'll have trouble. But cheer up! I have overcome the world.
John 16:33 GWT

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us--they help us learn to endure.
Romans 5:3 NLT

2. **Disagree without being disagreeable.**

For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.
John 12:49 NIV

Dear friends, be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Your anger can never make things right in God's sight.
James 1:19-20 NLT

If you keep your mouth shut, you will stay out of trouble.
Proverbs 21:23 NLT

3. **Focus on one issue at a time.**

So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.
Matthew 6:34 NLT

An intelligent person aims at wise action, but a fool starts off in many directions.
Proverbs 17:24 GNB

4. Be eager to yield and compromise.

And they [disciples] began to argue among themselves as to who would be the greatest in the coming Kingdom.

Luke 22:24 NLT

...Why not just accept the injustice and leave it at that? Why not let yourselves be cheated?

1 Corinthians 6:7 NLT

Blessed are those who have a tender conscience, but the stubborn are headed for serious trouble.

Proverbs 28:14 NLT

5. Keep short accounts.

Be angry without sinning. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the devil any opportunity.

Ephesians 4:26-27 GW

You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love. Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:13-14 NLT

6. Trust God for help.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

John 10:10

This is not a wrestling match against a human opponent. We are wrestling...spiritual forces that control evil in the heavenly world.

Ephesians 6:12 GW

...the whole family was filled with joy because they had come to believe in God.

Acts 16:34 GN