

Practical Issues (2)

Peacemaking

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

- Matt 5:9

Heb 12:14, Jas 3:17. Contrast Jas 4:1

1. Peacemaking: A Gospel Issue

1 Cor 14:33

1) Peacemaking: The Aim of the Gospel

Rom 5:1, Isa 40:1-2, 2 Cor 5:18-19

2) Peacemaking: The Result of the Gospel

- Living at peace with each other:

Mark 9:50, 2 Cor 13:11, Eph 4:1-3, Col 3:14-15, 1 Thes 5:13

- Making peace with each other.

- with other believers: Eph 4:3, Rom 14:19, 2 Tim 2:22

- with all: Heb 12:14, Rom 12:18

3) Peacemaking: The Credibility of the Gospel

John 17:20-21, 1 Cor 1:10, Phil 2:1-5

2. Peacemaking: A Growth Opportunity

Peacemaking requires humility, Eph 4:2-3

Peacemaking requires maturity, Jas 3:17-18

1) Don't Waste Your Conflict

- Wasting the Opportunity by Flight
- Wasting the Opportunity by Fight

2) The Opportunity of Conflict

- The Opportunity to Grow in Maturity

Eph 4:11-16, cf Rom 8:29

- The Opportunity to Grow in Service

1 Cor 10:32-33

1. Putting the other's interests before your own, Phil 2:3-4

2. Bearing the other's burden, Gal 6:2,9-10

3. An example to those who are watching, especially as a parent

3. Peacemaking: The Four G's

1) **G**lorify God

1 Cor 10:31

- Trust God, Psa 37:1,3,5

- Obey God

- Imitate God, Luke 6:35, Eph 4:31-5:1

2) **G**et an Eye Check-up

- Get the log out of your eye, Matt 7:3-5

- Get Some Perspective, Prov 19:11, 1 Pet 4:8, Eph 4:1-2, Col 3:13

- Get a Look at the Consequences, Matt 5:25-26

3) **G**ently Restore

Gal 5:22-23,26, 6:1. Compare Matt 18:15, cf vv 11-13, vv 21-22

4) **G**o and Be Reconciled

Matt 6:12, Eph 4:32, Col 3:13

CONCLUSION

2 Thes 3:1-2, Luke 6:26