

**FINDING AND MAKING PEACE**  
**Fruitful Living – Part 3**  
**April 21, 2013**

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)** *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control.”*

**Matthew 5:9 (NIV)** *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”*

Peacemaking is not... **AVOIDING** a problem.

**APPEASING** another person.

**P - PLAN** a peace conference.

**Matthew 5:23-24 (GNT)**, *“So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother, and then come back and offer your gift to God.”*

**E - EMPATHIZE** with their feelings.

**1 Peter 3:8 (TLB)** *“You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.”*

**Philippians 2:4 (GNT)** *“Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.”*

**A - ATTACK** the problem not the person.

**Ephesians 4:15 (GNT)** *“By speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ...”*

**Ephesians 4:29a (GNT)** *“Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed...”*

**To Fight Fair In A Relationship...**

1. Never **COMPARE**
2. Never **CONDEMN**
3. Never **COMMAND**
4. Never **CHALLENGE**
5. Never **CONDESCEND**
6. Never **CONTRADICT**
7. Never **CONFUSE**

**C - COOPERATE** as much as possible.

**Romans 12:18 (GNT)** *“Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.”*

**James 3:17-18 (NLT)** *“But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. <sup>18</sup>And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.”*

**Psalms 37:37b (NLT)** *“...A wonderful future awaits those who love peace.”*

**E - EMPHASIZE** reconciliation not resolution.

**2 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV)** *“All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”*

**Colossians 3:15 (NLT)** *“And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are all called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”*

**2 Peter 1:2 (NLT)** *“May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.”*