



⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ **If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.** Romans 12:17-18

Why is it important to resolve conflict in your family?

Because unresolved conflict _____ your fellowship with God.

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

I John 4:20; I Peter 3:7

Steps to Peacemaking:

1. Make the first _____.

²³ Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

²⁴ leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. Matthew 5:23-24; Matthew 18

2. Start with your _____.

³ Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye . . . ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:3, 5

3. Listen for their _____ and speak from the _____.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry . . . James 1:19

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15; Philippians 2:4-5

4. Attack the _____, not the person.

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

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. Romans 14:13

5. Focus on _____, not resolution.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. II Corinthians 5:18-19

Next Steps – Relatively Speaking – May 22, 2016

- ☐ Memorize Romans 12:18.
- ☐ Join me in "90 Days of Prayer for Families."
- ☐ Resolve to work through the conflict in your home.
- ☐ Bring a friend next Sunday for "Relatively Speaking."