

“THE SECRET OF PEACE”

Introduction: Galatians 5 – _____ of the Spirit

- Love, peace, joy, patience, integrity, kindness, self-control, greatness.

Proverbs 29:8 (LB) “Fools start fights everywhere, wise men try to keep peace.”

Matthew 5:9 (TEV) [JESUS] “Happy are those who work for peace...”

- Two misconceptions about peacemaking
 1. Peacemaking is not _____ a problem
 2. Peacemaking is not _____ the other person.

FIVE STEPS TO BECOMING A PEACEMAKER

1. **P** _____ **A PEACE CONFERENCE.**

Matthew 5:23-24 (TEV) “If... you remember that your brother has something against you... go at once to make peace.”

- The _____ always takes the initiative.

2. **E** _____ **WITH THEIR FEELINGS.**

I Peter 3:8 (LB) “Be full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.”

- Key: _____ and _____.
- _____
- People don't _____ how much you _____ until they _____ how much you _____!

I Peter 3:7 (LB) “You husbands should try to understand your wives.”

Romans 15:2 (LB) “We must bear the burden of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others.”

Philippians 2:3 (Ph) “None of you should think only of his own affairs, but consider other people's interests also.”

- Three things you must empathize with –
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- _____ people _____ people!

3. A _____ THE PROBLEM, NOT THE PERSON.

Proverbs 10:10 (LB) “Bold reproof leads to peace.”

Ephesians 4:25 (LB) “When we lie to each other we are hurting ourselves.”

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

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

- Five ground rules for conflict resolution – _____...
 1. C _____
 2. C _____
 3. C _____
 4. C _____
 5. C _____

4. C _____ AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

Romans 12:8 (TEV) “Do everything possible, on your part, to live at peace with all men.”

James 3:17 (LB) “Wisdom is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others: it is full of mercy and good deeds.”

- It is wise to _____!

5. E _____ RECONCILIATION, NOT RESOLUTION.

II Corinthians 5:18 (NIV) “God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

- Reconciliation means to reestablish the _____.
- Resolution means to resolve every _____. (Won’t happen!)

CONCLUSION: God is the Peacemaker through _____.

Colossians 3:15 (LB) “Let the peace that comes from Christ be always present in your hearts.”