

“How to Reconcile A Relationship”

Introduction: Reconciliation is a long word for _____.

James 3:18 (NLT) “Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace. They will reap a harvest of goodness”.

What causes conflict?

1. S _____.
2. S. _____.

James 4: 1-2 (Amplified) “What leads to strife, discord and feud, and how do conflicts, quarrels and fighting originate among you? They arise from your own selfish and sinful desires that are always at war inside you. You are jealous and covet what others have... You burn with envy and anger and are not able to obtain the gratification you seek, so you fight and war. You don't have because you don't ask God.”

- Conflict: when you expect _____ to meet your need, which only _____ can meet!

Romans 8:7 (NLT) “For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will.”

- All problems on the _____ start on the _____.

FOUR STEPS TO RECONCILE A RELATIONSHIP

(The cure)

STEP ONE: MAKE PEACE _____.

Colossians 1: 21-22 (TEV) “At one time you were far away from God and were His enemies because of the evil things you did and thought. But now, by means of the death of His Son, God has made you His friends, in order to bring you, holy, pure, and faultless into His presence.”

- You need to end your war with God: _____.
- Making peace with God is hard: _____.
- An atheist won't believe in God: _____.

Romans 5:1 (NIV) “Therefore since we have been justified through Faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Justified means _____ I had never sinned.

STEP TWO: _____ GOD FOR HELP WITH A BROKEN RELATIONSHIP.

James 1:5 (LB) “If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you.”

- Two kinds of reactions to broken relationships.
 1. You are a _____.
 2. You are a _____.
- Time heals _____.

STEP THREE: START BY CONFESSING _____.

Matthew 7:3,5 (NCV) “Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friends eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friends eye.”

1. Every relationship can be saved when we confess _____.
2. This is a myth: We're just _____.

Proverbs 29:23(TEV) "Arrogance will bring your downfall, but if you are humble, you will be respected."

STEP FOUR: LISTEN FOR _____.

James 1:19 9NLT) "Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."

- Don't listen to the _____. Listen for the _____.
- " _____ people _____ people!"
- St. Francis of Assisi: "seek to understand before seeking to _____."

CONCLUSION: Absorb the _____.

Romans 5:6 (NCV) "When we were unable to help ourselves, at the moment of our need, Christ died for us although we were living against God."

- Christ _____ the pain on the cross.

Romans 5:10 (NIV) "We were God's enemies, but we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son."

- When you absorb the pain in a broken relationship you are _____.
- The church's goal:

II Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT) " And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors..."