

# Staying Out Of Trouble

## How To Be A Peacemaker

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**“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”**

Romans 12:18

Five types of people who are difficult:

People who are demanding.

People who are dishonest.

People who always disagree.

People who get defensive.

People who are demeaning.

Five ways to be a peacemaker with difficult people:

1. Refuse to \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Do not avenge yourselves, but rather, ‘Vengeance is Mine; I will repay,’ says the Lord. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”**

Romans 12:19,21 (New KJV)

**“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult.”**

1 Peter 3:9

**“When the fool is annoyed, he quickly let’s it be known. But smart people will ignore an insult.”**

Proverbs 12:16 (Good News)

**“If you want to stay out of trouble, be careful what you say.”**

Proverbs 21:23 (Good News)

**“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”**

Colossians 3:13

2. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Wood keeps a fire burning and trouble makers keep arguments alive.”**

Proverbs 26:21 (Good News)

**“This person is sick with a love for arguing and fighting about words. This brings jealousy, fighting, speaking against others, evil mistrust, and constant quarrels from those who have evil minds and have lost the truth.”**

1 Timothy 6:4-5 (New Century)

**“Throw out the mocker and you will be rid of tension, fighting, and quarrels.”**

Proverbs 22:10 (Living Bible)

**“Keep out of arguments. . . it only does harm. If anyone is causing divisions among you, he should be given a first and second warning. After that have nothing more to do with him, for such a person has a wrong sense of values.”**

Titus 3:9-11 (Living Bible)

3. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold.”**

Romans 12:2 (Phillips)

**“Don’t work hard only when your master is watching...work hard all the time, as though you were working for Christ.”**

Ephesians 6:6-7

**“All you need to say is ‘Yes’ if you mean yes, ‘No’ if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the Evil One.”**

Matthew 5:37 (New Jerusalem Bible)

**“For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love and self control.”**

2 Timothy 1:7 (Good News)

4. Resolve \_\_\_\_\_ quickly.

**“If you become angry, do not let your anger lead you into sin. And do not stay angry all day. Don’t give the devil a chance.”**

Ephesians 4:26-27 (Good News)

**“Speak the truth in a spirit of love.”**

Ephesians 4:15 (Good News)

**“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.”**

James 1:19

5. Respond with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**“This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.”**

John 3:16 (The Message)

Jesus: **“I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer... If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that.”**

Matthew 5:44-45 (The Message)

**“If you love someone...you will always believe in him and always expect the best of him...”**

1 Corinthians 13:7 (Living Bible)

**“Love your enemies. Bless them that curse you. Do good to those that hate you. And pray for those who spitefully use you.”**

Matthew 5:44 (KJV)

**“When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies live at peace with him.”**

Proverbs 16:7