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PEACEMAKER

According to this title you may already have some idea as to what this study will be teaching you about. Think for a few minutes about the following questions and answer them before going on. Expand the definitions.

- What is a peace maker? or
- What does a peace maker do?
- Who's responsible to be a peace maker?

The concept of a peacemaker, or one who makes peace, applies to all relationships in life (husband/wife, parent/child, brother/sister, family members, in-laws, job, school, church). Wherever there are people there will be conflicts and wherever there are conflicts, there will always need to be a "peace maker". Look up the following and record insights and observations:

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| Matt.5:9    | Rom.12:18    |
| Rom.14:19   | I Cor.16:11  |
| 2 Cor.13:11 | I Thess.5:13 |
| Gal.5:22    | Js.3:17-18   |

Are you able to bring two sides of a conflict together?

List one time when you were a peace maker.

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How are you going to do it?

When is it hardest to be a peace maker?

How far does my responsibility go in restoring and reconciling offended people?

Who all should be involved (authorities-pastors, bosses, parents, teachers)?

How do I distinguish between:

- I Pet.4:8 -
- Prov.10:12 -
- Prov.17:9 -
- Prov.19:11 -

and

Gal.6:1 -

and when it is necessary to "get involved"?

These questions do provoke some careful thinking and each situation would be handled differently, but our scriptural responsibility doesn't change! We are to be "peace-makers", "strive for peace", and do all we can to preserve unity and live harmoniously with one another, especially those in the body of Christ.

In no matter what situation, the following principles must be upheld:

- Matt. 7:1-5
- Gal. 6:1
- 1 Cor. 16:14
- ( 13:4-8!)

For a more detailed study in how to approach "difficult" situations, study "Biblical Confrontation".

Rom. 12:18

1 Cor. 16:11

1 Thes. 5:15

Matt. 5:9

Rom. 12:19

2 Cor. 13:11

Gal. 6:2

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