

# THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

James 3:13-18

Lesson #5

Peacemakers

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James 3

“<sup>13</sup> Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him **show by his good behavior** his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

✓ **Wisdom** is as wisdom does.

“<sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is **earthly, natural, demonic**. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

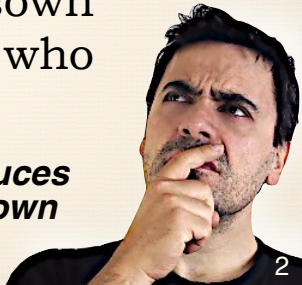
✓ **Social conflict** has a demonic root.

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<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then **peaceable**, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

<sup>18</sup> And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

✓ **The seed that produces righteousness is sown by peacemakers.**

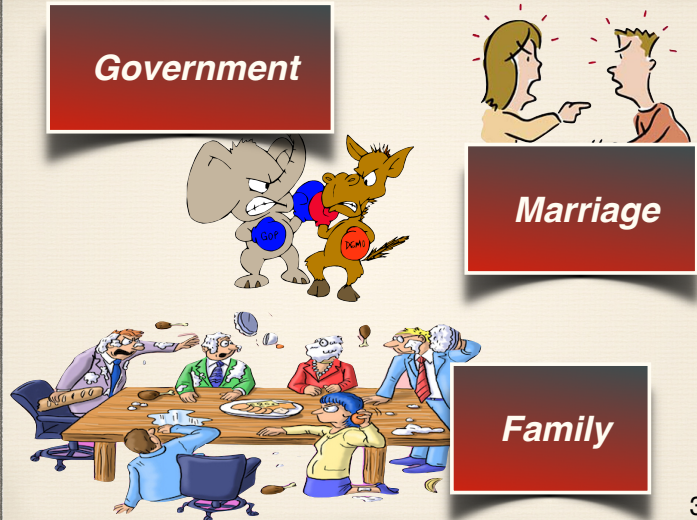


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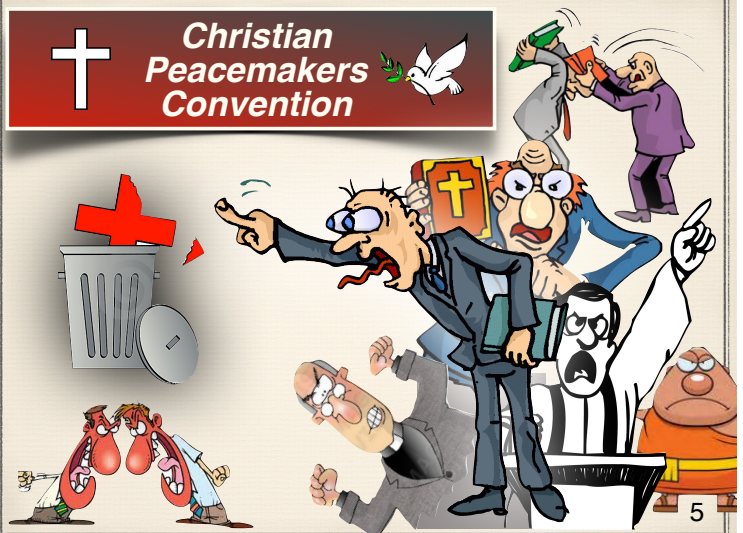
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John 17

“<sup>20</sup> I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> **that they may all be one**; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.”

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Christian Peacemakers Convention



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## Christian Denominations

### Catholicism - 1.2 billion

- Roman Catholic Church (Latin Rite)** - 1,129.9 million
- Eastern Catholic Churches (Eastern Rite)** - 17.1 million
  - Alexandrian**
    - Ethiopian Catholic Church** - 0.21 million
    - Coptic Catholic Church** - 0.17 million
  - Antiochian** (Antiochene or West Syrian)
    - Maronite Catholic Church** - 3.1 million
    - Syro-Malankara Catholic Church** - 0.5 million
    - Syriac Catholic Church** - 0.17 million
  - Armenian**
    - Armenian Catholic Church** - 0.54 million
  - Chaldean** (Eastern Syrian)
    - Syro-Malabar Catholic Church** - 4.0 million
    - Chaldean Catholic Church** - 0.65 million
- Byzantine** (Constantinopolitan)
  - Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church** - 4.3 million
  - Melkite Greek Catholic Church** - 1.6 million
  - Romanian Church United with Rome, Greek-Catholic** - 0.8 million
  - Ruthenian Catholic Church** - 0.65 million
  - Slovak Greek Catholic Church** - 0.37 million
  - Hungarian Greek Catholic Church** - 0.29 million
  - Italo-Greek Catholic Church** - 0.07 million
  - Croatian Greek Catholic Church** - 0.06 million
  - Belarusian Greek Catholic Church** - 0.01 million
- Bulgarian Greek Catholic Church** - 0.01 million
- Georgian Byzantine Catholic Church** - 0.01 million
- Macedonian Greek Catholic Church** - 0.01 million
- Albanian Greek Catholic Church** - 0.01 million
- Greek Byzantine Catholic Church** - 0.01 million
- Russian Catholic Church** - 0.01 million
- Breakaway Catholic Churches** - 28 million
  - Apostolic Catholic Church** - 5 million
  - Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association** - 4 million
  - Philippine Independent Church** - 3 million
  - Brazilian Catholic Apostolic Church** - 1 million
  - Old Catholic Church** - 0.6 million
  - Mariavite Church** - 0.03 million
  - Liberal Catholic Church** - NA

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## Protestantism - 670 million

- Baptist churches** - 105 million
  - Southern Baptist Convention** - 16.3 million
  - National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.** - 7.5 million
  - National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.** - 5 million
  - Nigerian Baptist Convention** - 3 million
  - Progressive National Baptist Convention** - 2.5 million
  - American Baptist Churches USA** - 1.4 million
  - Brazilian Baptist Convention** - 1.4 million
  - Baptist Bible Fellowship International** - 1.2 million
  - Myanmar Baptist Convention** - 1.1 million
  - Baptist Community of the Congo River** - 1 million
  - National Baptist Convention, Brazil** - 1 million
  - National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.** - 1 million
  - National Missionary Baptist Convention of America** - 1 million
  - Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches** - 0.8 million
  - Baptist Convention of Kenya** - 0.7 million
  - Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Russia** - 0.6 million
- Methodism** - 75 million
  - United Methodist Church** - 12 million
  - African Methodist Episcopal Church** - 3 million
  - Methodist Church of Great Britain** - NA
  - Methodist Church Nigeria** - 2 million
  - African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church** - 1.5 million
  - Church of the Nazarene** - 1.9 million
  - Methodist Church of Southern Africa** - 1.7 million
  - Korean Methodist Church** - 1.5 million
  - United Methodist Church of Ivory Coast** - 1.5 million
  - Christian Methodist Episcopal Church** - 0.9 million
  - Methodist Church Ghana** - 0.8 million
  - Free Methodist Church** - 0.7 million
  - Primitive Methodist Church** - NA
  - Chinese Methodist Church in Australia** - NA
  - Free Wesleyan Church** - NA
  - Free Methodist Church in Canada** - NA
  - Methodist Church in India** - 0.6 million
  - Evangelical Methodist Church** - NA
  - Wesleyan Church** - NA
  - Wesleyan Methodist Church-Allegheny Conference** - NA
  - Christ's Sanctified Holy Church** - NA
- Congregationalism** - 5 million
  - United Church of Christ** - 1.2 million
  - Evangelical Congregational Church in Angola** - 0.9 million
  - United Congregational Church of Southern Africa** - 0.5 million
- Anabaptism and Free churches** - 5 million
  - Schwarzenau Brethren/German Baptist groups** - 1.5 million
  - Memorists** - 1.5 million
  - Dynaburgh Brethren** - 1 million
  - Mozavians** - 0.7 million
  - Amish** - 0.2 million
  - Hutterites** - 0.2 million
- Quakers** - 0.4 million
- Waldensians** - 0.05 million

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- Lutheranism** - 87 million
  - Evangelical Church in Germany** - 26.9 million
  - Church of Sweden** - 6.9 million
  - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** - 4.8 million
  - Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus** - 4.7 million
  - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** - 4.6 million
  - Danish National Church** - 4.5 million
  - Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland** - 4.3 million
  - Batak Christian Protestant Church** - 4 million
  - Church of Norway** - 3.9 million
  - Malagasy Lutheran Church** - 3 million
  - Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod** - 2.4 million
  - The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria** - 1.7 million
  - United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India** - 1.5 million
  - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea** - 0.9 million
  - Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church** - 0.8 million
  - Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil** - 0.7 million
  - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia** - 0.6 million
  - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa** - 0.6 million
- Presbyterianism** - 40 million
  - Presbyterian Church of East Africa** - 4 million
  - Presbyterian Church of Africa** - 3.4 million
  - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)** - 3.0 million
  - United Church of Canada** - 2.5 million
  - Uniting Church in Australia** - NA
  - Presbyterian Community of Congo** - 2.5 million
  - Presbyterian Church of Korea** - 2.4 million
  - Presbyterian Church of Cameroon** - 1.8 million
  - Church of Scotland** - 1.1 million
  - Presbyterian Church of the Sudan** - 1 million
  - Presbyterian Church in Cameroon** - 0.7 million
  - Presbyterian Church of Brazil** - 0.7 million
  - Presbyterian Church of Ghana** - 0.6 million
  - Presbyterian Church of Nigeria** - 0.5 million
  - Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa** - 0.5 million
  - Presbyterian Church in America** - 0.3 million
- Continental Reformed churches** - 30 million
  - Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar** - 3.5 million
  - United Church of Zambia** - 3.0 million
  - Protestant Church in the Netherlands** - 2.5 million
  - Swiss Reformed Church** - 2.4 million
  - Evangelical Church of Cameroon** - 2 million
  - Protestant Evangelical Church in Timor** - 2 million
  - Christian Evangelical Church in Minabasa** - 0.7 million
  - United Church in Papua New Guinea** - 0.6 million
  - United Church of Christ in the Philippines** - 0.6 million
  - Protestant Church in Western Indonesia** - 0.6 million
  - Evangelical Christian Church in Tanah Papua** - 0.6 million
  - Protestant Church in the Moluccas** - 0.6 million
  - Reformed Church in Hungary** - 0.6 million
  - Reformed Church in Romania** - 0.6 million
  - Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa** - 0.5 million
- Pentecostalism** - 130 million
  - Assemblies of God** - 60 million
  - New Apostolic Church** - 11 million
  - International Circle of Faith** - 11 million
  - The Pentecostal Mission** - 10 million
  - Church of God (Cleveland)** - 9 million
  - International Church of the Foursquare Gospel** - 8 million
  - Church of God in Christ** - 6 million
  - Apostolic Church** - 5.5 million
  - Christian Congregation of Brazil** - 2.5 million
  - Universal Church of the Kingdom of God** - 2 million
  - Church of God of Prophecy** - 1 million
  - God is Love Pentecostal Church** - 0.8 million
  - Indian Pentecostal Church of God** - NA

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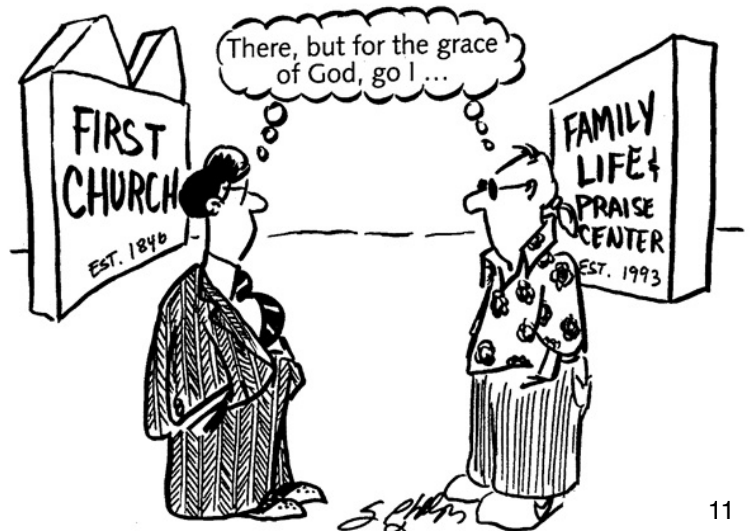
- Non-denominational evangelicalism** - 80 million
  - Calvary Chapel** - 25 million
  - Born Again Movement** - 20 million
  - Association of Vineyard Churches** - 15 million
  - New Life Fellowship** - 10 million
  - True Jesus Church** - 2.5 million
  - Charismatic Episcopal Church** - NA
- African initiated churches** - 40 million
  - Zion Christian Church** - 15 million
  - Eternal Sacred Order of Cherubim and Seraphim** - 10 million
  - Kimbanguist Church** - 5.5 million
  - Church of the Lord (Aladura)** - 3.6 million
  - Council of African Instituted Churches** - 3 million
  - Church of Christ Light of the Holy Spirit** - 1.4 million
  - African Church of the Holy Spirit** - 0.7 million
  - African Israel Hallelujah Church** - 0.7 million
- Seventh-day Adventist Church** - 17 million
- Restoration Movement** - 7 million
  - Churches of Christ** - 5 million
  - Christian Churches and Churches of Christ** - 1.1 million
  - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)** - 0.7 million
- Nontrinitarianism** - 27.5 million
  - Later Day Saint movement (Mormonism)** - 14.1 million
  - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** - 13.8 million
  - Community of Christ** - 0.25 million
  - Jesus' Witnesses** - 7.3 million
  - Iglesia ni Cristo** - 6 million
  - Oneness Pentecostalism** - 6 million
  - United Pentecostal Church International** - 4 million
  - Pentecostal Assemblies of the World** - 1.5 million
  - Church of Christ (Scientist)** - 0.4 million
  - Friends of Man** - 0.07 million
  - Christadelphians** - 0.05 million
- Anglicanism** - 82 million
  - Anglican Communion** - 80 million
    - Church of Nigeria** - 18 million
    - Church of England** - 13.4 million
    - Church of Uganda** - 8.8 million
    - Church of South India** - 3.8 million
    - Anglican Church of Australia** - 3.7 million
    - Episcopal Church in the Philippines** - 3.0 million
    - Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia** - 2.5 million
    - Anglican Church of Tanzania** - 2.5 million
    - Anglican Church of Southern Africa** - 2.4 million
    - Episcopal Church of the United States** - 2.2 million
    - Anglican Church of Canada** - 2.0 million
    - Anglican Church of Kenya** - 1.5 million
    - Church of North India** - 1.5 million
    - Church of the Province of Rwanda** - 1 million
    - Church of Pakistan** - 0.8 million
    - Anglican Church of Burundi** - 0.8 million
    - Church of the Province of Central Africa** - 0.6 million
    - Church of Christ in Congo-Anglican Community of Congo** - 0.5 million
    - Scottish Episcopal Church** - 0.4 million
    - Church of Ireland** - 0.4 million
  - Continuing Anglican movement** - 1.5 million
  - Traditional Anglican Communion** - 0.5 million
  - Anglican Church in North America** - 0.1 million
  - African Orthodox Church** - NA
- Neostorianism** - 1 million
  - Assyrian Church of the East** - 0.5 million
  - Ancient Church of the East** - 0.3 million

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## Eastern Orthodoxy - 210 million

- Autocephalous churches**
  - Russian Orthodox Church** - 125 million
  - Romanian Orthodox Church** - 18 million
  - Serbian Orthodox Church** - 15 million
  - Church of Greece** - 11 million
  - Bulgarian Orthodox Church** - 10 million
  - Georgian Orthodox Church** - 5 million
  - Greek Orthodox Church of Constantinople** - 3.5 million
  - Greek Orthodox Church of Antioch** - 2.5 million
  - Greek Orthodox Church of Alexandria** - 1.5 million
  - Orthodox Church in America** - 1.2 million
  - Polish Orthodox Church** - 1 million
  - Albanian Orthodox Church** - 0.8 million
  - Cypriot Orthodox Church** - 0.7 million
  - Greek Orthodox Church of Jerusalem** - 0.14 million
  - Czech and Slovak Orthodox Church** - 0.07 million
- Autonomous churches**
  - Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate)** - 7.2 million
  - Moldovan Orthodox Church** - 3.2 million
  - Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia** - 1.25 million
  - Metropolitan Church of Bessarabia** - 0.82 million
  - Orthodox Christian Archdiocese** - 0.34 million
  - Estonian Orthodox Church** - 0.3 million
  - Patriarchal Exarchate in Western Europe** - 0.15 million
  - Finnish Orthodox Church** - 0.08 million
  - Chinese Orthodox Church** - 0.03 million
  - Japanese Orthodox Church** - 0.02 million
  - Latvian Orthodox Church** - 0.02 million
- Non-universally recognized churches**
  - Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Kyiv Patriarchate)** - 5.5 million
  - Belarusian Autocephalous Orthodox Church** - 2.4 million
  - Macedonian Orthodox Church** - 2 million
  - Orthodox Church of Greece (Holy Synod in Resistance)** - 0.75 million
  - Old Calendar Romanian Orthodox Church** - 0.50 million
  - Old Calendar Bulgarian Orthodox Church** - 0.45 million
  - Croatian Orthodox Church** - 0.36 million
  - Montenegrin Orthodox Church** - 0.05 million
  - Orthodox Church in Italy** - 0.12 million
- Other separated Orthodox groups**
  - Old Believers** - 1.8 million
  - Greek Old Calendarists** - 0.86 million
  - Russian True Orthodox Church** - 0.85 million
- Oriental Orthodoxy** - 75 million
  - Autocephalous churches in communion**
    - Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church** - 45 million
    - Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria** - 15.5 million
    - Syriac Orthodox Church** - 10 million
    - Armenian Orthodox Church** - 8 million
    - Eastern Orthodox Tewahedo Church** - 2.5 million
    - Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church** - 2 million
    - Armenian Orthodox Church of Cilicia** - 1.5 million
  - Autonomous churches in communion**
    - Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church** - 1.2 million
    - Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople** - 0.42 million
    - Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem** - 0.34 million
    - French Coptic Orthodox Church** - 0.01 million
    - British Orthodox Church** - 0.01 million
  - Churches not in communion**
    - Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church** - 1.1 million
    - Malabar Independent Syrian Church** - 0.06 million

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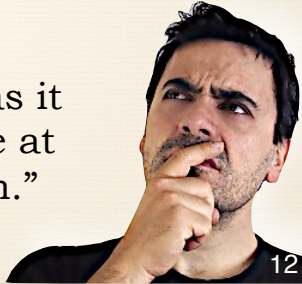
## Peacemakers bear witness to God.

*Matthew 5:9*

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

*Romans 12:18*

“If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.”



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Max Lucado

“conflict is inevitable, but combat is not.”



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## Peacemakers manage conflict:



- by being stirred but not shaken.
- by addressing the root of conflict.
- by exploiting the hidden values of conflict.



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## Peacemakers stay cool - avoiding three common mistakes.

- They are not surprised by conflict.
- They are not afraid of conflict.
- They are not fomenters of conflict.



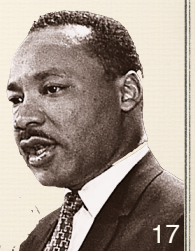
They are not easily shaken

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## Point #1 Peacemakers are at PEACE within themselves.

“Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but a means by which we arrive at that goal.”

Martin Luther King Jr.



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### Philippians 4

“4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your **forbearing spirit** be known to all men. The Lord is near. 6 **Be anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God. 7 And **the peace of God**, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. . . . 12 I know **how to get along** with humble means, and I also know **how to live** in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned **the secret** of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 **I can do all things** through Him who strengthens me.”<sup>18</sup>

**Paul was not easily shaken and exhorts others to follow him.**

- ✓ He is writing from **prison**, with a frustrated mission, and few friends.
- ✓ God's **peace** cannot be touched by the world's circumstances.
- ✓ He has learned and knows how to **rejoice** with stress, conflict, & pain.
- ✓ He was **confident** that he could handle whatever came his way.

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### Peacemakers manage conflict:

*Conflict*



- by being stirred but not shaken.
- by addressing the root of conflict.

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The presenting issues are seldom the same as the root issues.

*Conflict*



Unless the root issues are resolved the conflict remains.

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### Point #2 Address the **ROOT** problem

#### James 4:1

“What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? **Is not the source your pleasures that wage war on your members?**”

Personal Dissonance



Public Conflict



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### Point #2 Address the **ROOT** problem

People have feelings about values.



People want their values to be shared.



People have their goals blocked.

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**Point #2**  
**Address the *ROOT* problem**

*James 4:1*

“What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? ***Is not the source your pleasures that wage war on your members?***”



“The greatest conflicts are not between two people but between one person and himself.”

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**Point #2**  
**Address the *ROOT* problem**

*James 4:1*

“What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? ***Is not the source your pleasures that wage war on your members?***”

**“It is useless to disarm the hands, if the heart remains armed.”**

*Garth Brooks*

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**Managing *Anxiety / Anger***  
**has a lot to do with:**

- 1) the nature of our ***expectations***
- 2) the breadth of our ***perspective.***
- 3) the ordering of our ***priorities.***



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*Romans 8*

“<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the ***sufferings of this present time*** are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. . . . <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even ***we ourselves groan within ourselves,***”

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**Troublemakers are troubled individuals who too often have not made peace within themselves.**



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**Troublemakers are troubled individuals who do not need self-discipline so much as the grace of God in their lives setting them free from anxiety and anger.**



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## Peacemakers manage conflict:

Conflict,



- by being stirred but not shaken.
- by addressing the root of conflict.
- by exploiting the hidden values of conflict.

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Peacemakers not only expect conflict and know how to address it but also understand that God can use it for good.

**Point #3**  
*See conflict as an **OPPORTUNITY** to grow spiritually.*

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*Jesus' Sermon on the Mount was given to unsettle us so that we might embrace God's grace and receive the Gospel.*

*Matthew 10:34*

"I came not to bring peace but, a sword."

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Conflict can be a lens leading to spiritual insight.



- revealing blocked or threatened longings.
- exposing misplaced expectations, perspectives, and priorities.

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**Empathetic listening & wise speaking are the peacemaker's greatest tools.**

1. Conflict is an invitation to a disciple of Christ to empathetically listen.
2. Empathize not only with the victims of suffering but also with the passions of conflicted people who cause the suffering.



"The opposite of anger is not calmness, it's empathy."

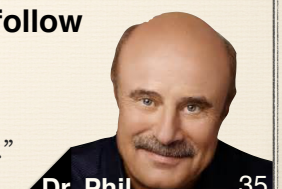
Dr. Oz

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1. Conflict is an invitation to a disciple of Christ to empathetically listen.
2. Empathize not only with the victims of suffering but also with the passions of conflicted people who cause the suffering.
3. Gracious speech should follow respectful listening.

"Every idea from our staff is a good idea for at least two hours."



Dr. Phil

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**Conflict is an opportunity for Christian to respond with wisdom and grace as peacemakers.**



**1 Cor. 13:4-7**

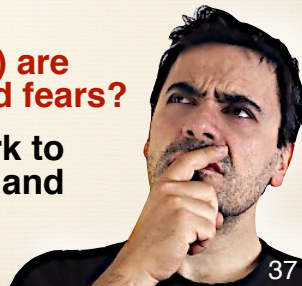
**Love is a response to:**

patient	trials
kind	insults
not jealous	success of others
does not brag	success of self
is not arrogant	power and authority
does not act unbecomingly	freedom
does not seek its own	competition
is not provoked	challenging confrontation
does not take into account a wrong suffered	injustice
does not rejoice in unrighteousness	failure of others
rejoices with the truth	gossip and slander
bears all things	loss
believes all things	doubts
hopes all things	discouragement
endures all things	delayed expectations

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## Questions for conflict resolution

- ✓ **What are the REAL fears and or anger that is driving this?**
- ✓ **Are we willing to be open about them and address them?**
- ✓ **What blocked goal(s) are fueling our anger and fears?**
- ✓ **Are we willing to work to find a way to forgive and trust?**

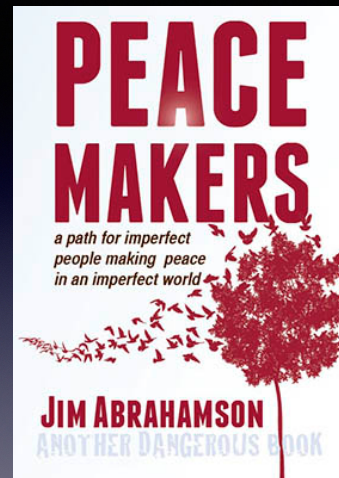
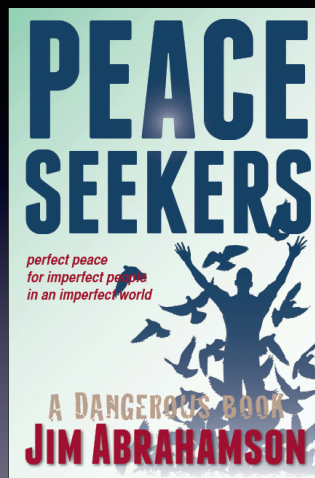


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## The greatest hindrances to making peace are:

- ✓ Failure to **MANAGE** your own anger and anxiety.
- ✓ Failure to see conflict as an **OPPORTUNITY** for being a peacemaker.
- ✓ Failure to **ADDRESS** the root of conflict.
- ✓ Failure to **LISTEN** to all sides of a conflict.
- ✓ Failure to have **CONFIDENCE** in the Gospel of grace in the Cross of Christ.

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