

Key Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:18 GOD'S WORD

God has done all this. *He has <u>restored our relationship with Him</u> through Christ,* and has **given us this ministry of** <u>restoring relationships</u>.

Life is relationships...everything else is just details.

Psalm 133:1 GOD'S WORD See how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in harmony!

Communication is the key to solving conflict.

Proverbs 13:17 TLB An unreliable messenger can cause a lot of trouble. **Reliable communication permits progress.**

Communication is a matter of the heart...

1. Take <u>care</u> of your heart.

Proverbs 4:23 NLT *Guard your heart* above all else, for *it determines the course of your life*.

2. <u>Speak</u> from a healthy heart.

Proverbs 18:21 Message *Words kill, words give life*; they're either poison or fruit — *you choose*.

3. <u>Listen</u> from your heart.

James 1:19 NLT Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all **be quick to listen**, **slow to speak**, and **slow to get angry**.

Examine your heart.

2 Corinthians 13:5 NASU

<u>Test yourselves</u> to see if you are in the faith; <u>examine yourselves!</u> Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that <u>Jesus Christ is in you</u> — unless indeed you fail the test?

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Relational Health

Matter of the Heart Part 2

Do your best to <u>plan</u> to live in <u>peace</u>.

Romans 12:18 NCV **Do your best to live in peace with everyone**.

✓ Personal Life: Live righteous instead of living to be right.

Galatians 6:5 NLT For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

✓ <u>Enemy Discernment</u>: Recognize who the real enemy is.

Ephesians 6:12 NCV

<u>Our fight is not against people</u> on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world.

✓ <u>A</u>cquit: Demonstrate Forgiveness.

Proverbs 17:9 NLT

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.

✓ **<u>C</u>ommunicate:** Right Word – Right Time – Right Motive

Ephesians 4:29 CEV

Stop all your dirty talk. Say the right thing at the right time and help others by what you say.

\checkmark <u>E</u>levate Others: Make relationships the priority.

Romans 12:9-10 ERV

9 <u>Your love must be real.</u> Hate what is evil. Do only what is good.
10 Love each other in a way that makes you feel close like brothers and sisters. And give each other more honor than you give yourself.

How to start executing your peace plan...

Proverbs 16:3 ERV

Turn to the Lord for help in everything you do, and you will be successful.

✓ Put the LORD as a guard over your heart.

Nehemiah 8:10 NKJV ...the joy of the Lord is your strength.

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