

# How to be a peacemaker

Are you faced with some unresolved conflict? Wondering how to restore a broken relationship? Desiring to achieve a reconciliation?

**First**, be willing to *make the first move*, because “God blesses those who are peacemakers.” Matthew 5.9 (NLT).

**Second**, *ask God how to proceed*. “If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you.” James 1.5 (Living Bible).

**Third**, *is self-examination needed here?* “What causes fights and quarrels among you? They are caused by selfish desires.” James 4.1.

**Fourth**, *be a good listener*. “Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.” James 1.19 (NLT).

**Fifth**, *be tactful*. “Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” Proverbs 12.18 (NIV).

**Sixth**, *be polite*. “Rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language” Colossians 3.8 (NIV).

**Seventh**, *be led by God* because it is he who “has given us this ministry of restoring relationships” 2 Corinthians 5.18-20 (GW).

Peacemaking is so powerful because it is not avoidance or mere appeasement. And it's far more than a tranquilliser. Instead it is the means for restoring true unity, blessing and joy.

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**So “that your prayers may not be hindered” be a peacemaker. 1 Peter 3.7.**

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