



Building a Strong Family

Week 9: How Do I Become a Peacemaker?

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Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Colossians 3:12-15 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Big Idea: Strong families work at being _____.

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."

- We are ministers of _____.

Peacemaker - one who is actively seeking to reconcile people to God and to each other.

Peacekeeper vs. Peacemaker

- 1) Peacemakers are _____.
- 2) Peacemakers _____.
- 3) Peacemakers ask _____ and lead _____.
- 4) Peacemakers _____ to uncover source problems or misunderstandings.

As peacemakers we work to quit:

- 1) Striving to be _____ all the time.
- 2) Getting _____ all the time.

5 ways to resolve conflict

- 1) Talk to _____.
- 2) Make the first _____.
- 3) Begin with _____.
- 4) Listen. Give them the _____.
- 5) Focus on _____ the relationship.

Discussion questions

1. What did you get out of the lesson today?
2. Is there anyone you have long-term conflict with? What would a "first move" look like in this relationship?
3. Do you and your husband have any conflict resolution methods you use? If you feel comfortable, could you share them with the group?
4. How "offendable" are you? What is a step you could take to change that?