



Peacemaker – Matthew 5:9

1. A Peacemaker uses the mouth to bless, Not Curse. Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouth (Ephesians 4:29)
2. A Peacemaker knows the Needs of Your Neighbors and Community and works to help meet those needs. Care for the Widows and children. Don't let the world blind your eyes or make you impure in your response or lack of response to the needs that you see. (James 1:26-27)
3. Be prepared to share the Gospel and How it has transformed you. We have a hope in Jesus, let others know, but do it with Gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)
4. Study the Fruit you are Bearing: Is it good or bad? The key to keeping Peace is to stay connected to the vine. People will press your patience, so we need to stay connected to Jesus to ensure the right response when tough stuff comes. (John 15:4)
5. A Peacemaker uses your blessings to bless others. Use what God has blessed you with, time, talent, and treasure to help and bless others. (Acts 2:42-47)
6. Use your gifts and talents to pursue peace. If you don't know what they are right now, that's okay, God will help you figure it out. And When you do, work hard to use them for His glory and purpose. (1 Corinthians 4:12-13a.)
7. A Peacemaker Leads and Listens to Others with Humility and Patience. A Peacemaker does not fight to "Be" right, but listens with empathy, grace, humility, and patience as we work together for "What's" right. (Proverbs 10:17)
8. A Peacemaker approaches everyone you meet then, with Empathy and compassion. Who is the "Other" in your life? (Acts 1:8)
9. Find the broken thing(s) in your community that Breaks your heart, and then work toward fixing it. Remember that in God great plan for creation, we have been entrusted to care for all of Creation and to pursue our relationship with the Creator. One way we do that, is to look for the image of God in each other. (Genesis 1:27)
10. Work Diligently, Flee Laziness and Avoid Drama. Andy Stanley, a really good preacher, once preached that if we want to avoid drama we should get busy doing important things. Drama is the opposite of peace. When we are busy doing things to help others, the result is peace and purpose. (1 Thessalonians 5:14).