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• **Create \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Romans 12:17-18 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. [18] If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

*Romans 12:19-20 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.*

**they shall be called children of God...**

*Col. 1:20 ...and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

**Our supreme example**

*1 Peter 2:20 But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. [21] To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps.*

*[23] When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.*

*[24] He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. [25] For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

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**Love is a Verb**

Life's Healing Choices—part 7 of 8

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

*James 3:16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.*

The problem lies \_\_\_\_\_ the human heart.

**What is a “Peacemaker?”**

*James 4:1-2 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? [2] You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.*

*John 12:25 (Living) If you love your life down here--you will lose it. If you despise your life down here--you will exchange it for eternal glory.*

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## What does a “peacemaker” do?

### 1. L \_\_\_\_\_ and L \_\_\_\_\_.

*James 1:19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,*

*James 1:20 ... for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.*

*John 7:24 “Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”*

*Proverbs 18:17 The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him.*

*Proverbs 18:2 Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.*

### 2. H \_\_\_\_\_ and H \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would like them to do to you.*

*Acts 24:16 For I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward God and toward man.*

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### 3. W \_\_\_\_\_ and W \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 26:21 As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.*

*James 3:17-18 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. [18]*

*Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.*

*Ephes. 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

### 4. A \_\_\_\_\_ and A \_\_\_\_\_.

- Take the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matt. 5:23-24 ... if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24] leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go** and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.*

*Matthew 18:15 If your brother sins against you, **go** and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.*

- Ask \_\_\_\_\_ for your part.

*Ephes. 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

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