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"...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.*

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**Our supreme example...**

*1 Peter 2:20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? 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.*

*[22] "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." [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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**PeaceMAKERS**

Two Roads: Signpost #7

Matthew 5:9; June 8, 2014

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**2 Roads**

*Matthew 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it."*

*Matthew 7:14 "But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."*

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**8 Sign Posts**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit ...*

*Blessed are those who mourn...*

*Blessed are the meek...*

*Blessed are those who hunger ...for righteousness...*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy*

*Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.*

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

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*James 3:17 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.*

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**What causes conflict? A conflict-\_\_\_\_\_.**

*James 4:1 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.*

*Prov. 13:10 Pride breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.*

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

**What a peacemaker is not:**

**What is a PeaceMAKER?**

■ **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.*

■ **L**\_\_\_\_\_: seek to understand!

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

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*Prov. 18:2 A fool takes no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinion.*

*Prov. 18:13 He who answers before he hears--it is his folly and shame.*

■ **I**\_\_\_\_\_:

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

■ **H**\_\_\_\_\_. **Apologize for your part.**

*Matthew 5:23-24 "Therefore, 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."*

■ **Extend Olive Branches. Create \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Romans 12:19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."*

*Romans 12:20 No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

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