

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Matthew 5:9

The Kingdom Experience Week 7

Your Strengths are a combination of your SPIRITUAL gifts, your TALENTS,
Your SKILLS.

Our strengths will often times cause conflict. Why? Because...

- we are DIFFERENT.
- our PREFERENCES are different.
- our PERSUASIONS are different.
- we respond to SITUATIONS differently.

THIS WEEK'S KINGDOM EXPERIMENT

- Be the first work toward peace and unity.
- Be the first to confess that distance is not God's best design between the two of you, that there needs to be a coming together.
- Be the first to apologize.
- Be the first to admit you are at fault.
- Be the first to say, "I'm sorry."

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

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?" -

Matthew 5:43-47

Don't think that peacemaking is always ENJOYABLE and painted with pretty colors. Please know that peacemaking is MESSY.

Being a peacemaker will STRETCH you beyond your human CAPABILITIES.

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"As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." - Matthew 9:9-12

Peacemaking puts you in the CROSSHAIRS of conflict.

It is time to be known as God's kids because of our conviction for RECONCILIATION.

PASSAGES TO READ THIS WEEK:

1. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
2. Romans 12:17-18
3. Romans 14:19
4. Ephesians 4:1-6
5. Hebrews 12:14

"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:30