

Mercy and My Enemies

Miracle of Mercy – Part 6

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

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

Steps for Conflict Resolution

1) Make the first move.

“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person...” Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.” Romans 12:20 (NIV)

2) Start with confession not accusation.

“What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don’t they come from the evil desires at war within you?”

James 4:1 (NLT)

3) Listen for their pain and their perspective.

“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” James 1:19 (NIV)

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4 (NKJV)

4) Speak the truth tactfully.

“...speak the truth in love...” Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

“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.” Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

5) Seek reconciliation over resolution.

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV)