

# THE HEART OF A PEACEMAKER

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*“The peacemaker has a future.”* (Psalm 37:37, GW)

## 1. PEACE IS A GOAL.

*“For the Scriptures say, “If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.”*  
(1 Peter 3:10–11, NLT)

*“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.”* (Romans 12:18, NLT)

## 2. TREASURE THE GIFT OF PEACE.

*“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”*  
(John 14:27, NLT)

*“For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.”* (James 3:15, NLT)

*“Real wisdom, God’s wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.”* (James 3:17–18, Message)

## 3. GOD WILL GIVE YOU WISDOM.

*“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”* (James 1:5, NLT)

#### 4. DON'T BE AFRAID BUT BE FULL OF FAITH.

*“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. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”* (Matthew 5:23–24, NLT)

*“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to **listen**, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”* (James 1:19, NLT)

*“Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.”* (Proverbs 12:18, NLT)

##### a. Admit you're weak without God.

*“So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.”* (1 Peter 5:6, NLT)

##### b. Affirm God's presence with you.

*“This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”* (Joshua 1:9, NLT)

##### c. Align with God's will.

*“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”* (John 15:5, NLT)

##### d. Ask God for power.

*“You don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.”* (James 4:2c, NLT)

##### e. Act in faith.

*“And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.”* (Luke 17:14, NLT)

*“God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others. What we mean is that God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace. We were sent to speak for Christ, and God is begging you to listen to our message. We speak for Christ and sincerely ask you to make peace with God.”*  
(2 Corinthians 5:18–20, CEV)