

The Beatitudes – The Road To Happiness #7

September 16, 2007

“Bridge Building 101”

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

Peacemaking is not:

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Peacemaking is _____

Lesson #1 – _____ about making peace

Matthew 5:23-24 (NCV) ²³ “So when you offer your gift to God at the altar, and you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there at the altar. Go and make peace with that person, and then come and offer your gift.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NIV) ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

The _____ to resolve conflict
the _____

Lesson #2 – Attack the _____ not the _____

Proverbs 15:1 (NLT) *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but harsh words stir up anger.*

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) *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.*

Lesson #3 – _____ as much as possible

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

James 3:18 (NLT) *those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.*

Lesson #4 – _____

- Reconciliation focuses on the _____
- Resolution focuses on the _____

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV) *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.*

Colossians 3:15 (NIV) *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.*

John 16:33 (NIV) *[Jesus said] I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

September memory verse: Matthew 6:21 (NIV) *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*