

The 8 Secrets of a Happy Life

# Secret #7: Promote Peace

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**Matthew 5:1-12**--Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

## How to Become a Peacemaker

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.  
See Genesis 1,2; Revelation 21.
  
2. Be crystal \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
See 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 2:13-17.
  
3. Understand what \_\_\_\_\_ means.  
See Ephesians 4:15; 4:26.

## 4. \_\_\_\_\_ peacemaking.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Is what I'm about to say going to really \_\_\_\_\_.  
See Ephesians 4:29-5:2; Matthew 12:36,37.
  - B. Sometimes it is good to keep your mouth \_\_\_\_\_.  
See Ecclesiastes 3:7; Proverbs 10:19; Proverbs 17:28; Proverbs 13:3.
  - C. A peacemaker is a good \_\_\_\_\_.  
See James 1:19,20.
  - D. Pass every thought through three \_\_\_\_\_:
    - >> Is what I'm about to say \_\_\_\_\_?
    - >> Is it going to be \_\_\_\_\_?
    - >> Is it \_\_\_\_\_?
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.  
See Romans 12:9-21; James 3:13-18.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
See Colossians 4:6; Proverbs 15:1,4,23.
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.  
See Ephesians 4:26; Matthew 18:15ff; Matthew 10:34; Ephesians 4:15; Matthew 21:12; Jude 3; Luke 12:49-53; Proverbs 24:24,25; 25:11,12; 27:5,6.
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_.  
See Proverbs 11:13; 20:19; 21:23; 16:28; 11:9; James 3:2ff.

## Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be a peacemaker? Why are the first 6 Beatitudes vital to our success with the 7th?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What correlation can you find between today's lesson on peacemaking and Jesus' teaching in Matt 7:1-6? In what way are His lessons in Matthew 7 related to being a peacemaker?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.