



**SERIES: THE KEYS TO A BLESSED LIFE**  
***The Blessing of Cultivating Peace – Pastor Alton Trimble***  
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MATTHEW 5:9 *“God blesses those who are peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.”*

**HOW TO BE A PEACE MAKER (7 Seeds)**

**1. MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.**

MATTHEW 5:23-24 *“If you’re standing before the altar in the Temple, giving an offering to God, and you suddenly remember someone has some-thing against you leave your offering there beside the altar. Go AT ONCE and first be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your gift to God.”*

GENESIS 3:10 *“Adam said to God, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was NAKED; so I hid.”*

The Fear of being exposed/ vulnerable does three things:

• It makes you:

- 1) Defensive
- 2) Distant
- 3) Demanding

II TIMOTHY 1:7 *“God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but a Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline!”*

**Why should I take the initiative?**

1. Jesus tells you to do it.
2. Worship is worthless until you do!

**2. ASK GOD FOR WISDOM.**

JAMES 1:5 *“If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you.”*  
(LB)

**3. BEGIN WITH WHAT’S MY FAULT.**

JAMES 4:1 *“What causes fights and quarrels among you? They are caused by selfish desires that are continually at war inside you?”*

PROVERBS 13:10 *“Pride only leads to arguments*

MATTHEW 7:3,5 *“Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye.”*

4. LISTEN FOR THEIR HURT & PERSPECTIVE.

JAMES 1:19 *Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”*

PHILIPPIANS 2:4-5 *“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”*

ROMANS 15:2 *“We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of others...Let's please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord.*

5. SPEAK THE TRUTH TACTFULLY!

EPHESIANS 4:15 *“Speak the truth in love”*

PROVERBS 12:18 *“Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing” (NIV)*

EPHESIANS 4:29 *“Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed.”*

6. FIX THE PROBLEM, NOT THE BLAME!

COLOSSIANS 3:8 *“You must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.” (NIV)*

7. FOCUS ON RECONCILIATION, NOT RESOLUTION.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20 *“God has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us the ministry of restoring relationships. God was in Christ restoring his relationship with humanity. He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others. We are Christ's representatives...We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God.”*

1 TIMOTHY 2:5 (NLT) *There is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is Christ Jesus!*