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Peacemaker

Definition

*Peacemaker*- a mediator who seeks restoration of relationships, answers softly and not harshly or in anger

*Opposite*: Argumentative, quarreling

**Bible Memory:**

*Proverbs 15:1*

*A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

**Related Bible Verses:**

*Ephesians 4:3* Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

*Psalm 34:14 / 1 Peter 3:11* Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

*Proverbs 20:3* It is to a man’s honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.

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

*Proverbs 12:20* There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil, but joy for those who promote peace.

*1 Timothy 2:8* I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

*James 1:19-20* My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

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

*James 3:17-18* But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

**Bible Stories:**

Abigail (1 Samuel 25:23-33)

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*(Tune: If You’re Happy and You Know It)*

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