

Session 7

Called to Peace

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
John 14:27

Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will
be called children of God.”

■ 3 Types of People:

Peace _____

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“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Romans 12:18

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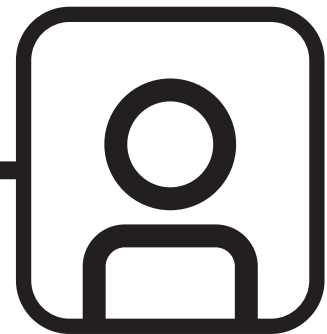
Aggressive

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Passive

■ The Matthew 18 Principle

Matthew 18:15-17, The Message

“If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you’ve made a friend. If he won’t listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won’t listen, tell the church. If he won’t listen to the church, you’ll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God’s forgiving love.”

1. Take the initiative to go to the person who has offended you.

“What you did hurt my feelings. Can we process it together?”

2. If that doesn’t work, take someone with you to talk to them.

“Hey, I brought _____ to help us sort out our issue. Would you talk with us?”

3. If that still doesn’t work, go to someone in authority (HR, Supervisor, Leader you trust).



■ 3 Types of People based on Dr. Henry Cloud's book, *Necessary Endings*

- Wise
- Fool
- Evil

Proverbs 12:15 “The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.”

Do all of this with gentleness, respect, love, and discretion.

Tips for Handling Conflict

1. Pause and Pray
2. Ask for permission to talk about it.
3. Take ownership for your part in the conflict.
4. Clearly say what has offended you.
“When you _____, I felt _____ because _____.”
5. Talk in private, eyeball-to-eyeball.
6. Manage your emotions.

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”

Ephesians 5:15-17

