

As Christians, what do we do about people in our lives we're supposed to love but hardly even like?

ROM 12:18, NLT. "Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone."

ROM 12:18, NIV. "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

HERE'S WHAT THIS VERSE RECOGNIZES...

I. "If it is possible..."

- In your relationships, peace might be _____
- But peace is never _____
- You can have peace _____ a relationship even if there is never peace _____ the relationship

II. "...as far as it depends on you..."

- The road to peace is not always _____
- There are often many _____ to navigate
- You have to decide the _____ you're willing to travel
- You are responsible _____ your relationship not _____ the relationship

III. "...as far as it depends on you..."

- Identify _____ part depends on you?
- Recognize what _____ do you play in the relationship
- You have to determine what you are willing to _____ for the sake of the relationship?

THREE STEP PLAN FOR PEACE

1. Carve out time for personal and deep _____

Write this statement down and fill in the blanks: to put words to problem in your relationship

"I feel _____ when you _____ because _____"

2. Ask yourself this question: "Is it really _____?"

- _____ are not always a trustworthy source
- Our _____ of what someone did or didn't do, said or didn't say, might be wrong

3. Make and allow room for God to _____

"Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, 'I will take revenge; I will pay them back,' says the Lord. Instead, 'If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.'" ROM 13:19-20

- Never take _____
- It's God's job to enact _____ without sin
- Let God _____ or give back to you what was taken
- Peace _____ forgiveness

Pray this Prayer*... Father, I trust you with this relationship. Give me eyes to see this person like you see this person. Help me to trust in you as my defender. And ultimately, help me to treat this person with grace you treated me. Amen.

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