

# PEACE MAKING: BIBLICAL GUIDELINES TO RESOLVING CONFLICT

James 3:18 “Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness”

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

## *Conflict*

**CONFLICT:** “A difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone’s goals or desires”.

*Some conflict is beneficial, some is neutral and some is harmful.*

### **4 Primary Causes of Conflict:**

- 1) M\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 22:10-34)
- 2) D\_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor 12:12-31; Acts 15:36-40)
- 3) C\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 13:1-12)
- 4) S \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:1-2)

### **3 Basic Responses to Conflict:**

- 1) P\_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) P\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_
- 3) P\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_

## **The Four G's of Peace Making**

1) G\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_

“How can I please and honor God in this situation?”

**Key scriptures: I Cor 10:31-11:1**

**John 5:30, 8:29**

**2 Cor 5:8-10**

**Psalm 19:4**

2) Get the l\_\_\_\_\_ out of your own e\_\_\_\_\_

“How can I show Jesus’ work in me by taking responsibility for my contribution to this conflict?”

**Key scripture: Matthew 7:1-5**

3) **G**\_\_\_\_\_ **R**\_\_\_\_\_

“How can I lovingly serve others by helping them take responsibility for their contribution to this conflict?”

**Key scripture: Gal 6:1**

4) **G**\_\_\_ and be **R**\_\_\_\_\_

“How can I demonstrate the forgiveness of God and encourage a reasonable solution to this conflict?”

**Key scripture: Mat 5:23-24**