



Go and be reconciled — Instead of accepting premature compromise or allowing relationships to wither, we will actively pursue genuine peace and reconciliation—forgiving others as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us, and seeking just and mutually beneficial solutions to our differences.⁶

By God's grace, we will apply these principles as a matter of stewardship, realizing that conflict is an assignment, not an accident. We will remember that success in God's eyes is not a matter of specific results, but of faithful, dependent obedience. And we will pray that our service as peacemakers will bring praise to our Lord and lead others to know His infinite love.

“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”
(Romans 12:18 ESV)

Reconciliation is God's Work and the Christian is His Ambassador

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
(2 Corinthians 5:17–21 ESV)

Sometimes negotiation is in order as we work through significant differences and matters of conviction. Ken Sande/Peacemaker have compiled several steps they call the PAUSE principle.

P _____ P _____

A _____ Relationship

U _____ their interests (Phil. 2:4)

S _____ for creative solutions

E _____ options objectively and reasonably

