



# Peacemakers Promote Love!

Please read Romans 12.

How can an insincere love actually destroy peace?

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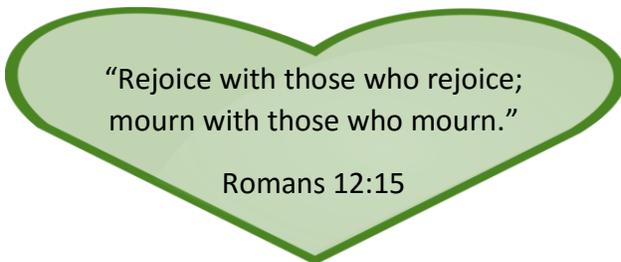
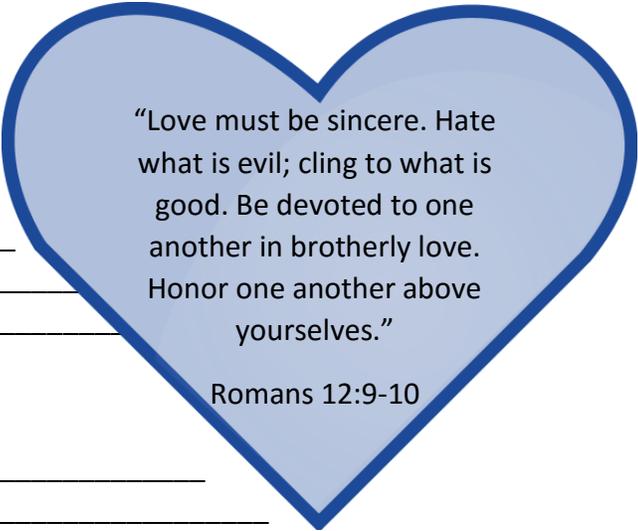
In what ways can you honor others above yourself?

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How can rejoicing with people in times of their rejoicing lead to peace? (Especially times when what they are rejoicing about perhaps doesn't make you feel like rejoicing – like of a friend getting a promotion that requires them to move away.)

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Have you ever experienced a time when someone stood beside you and mourned with you and that lead to a feeling of peace? If so, why do you think that was?

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# Peacemakers Do Not Seek Revenge!



“If your enemy is hungry,  
feed him;  
if he is thirsty,  
give him something to drink.  
In doing this, you will heap  
burning coals on his head.”

Romans 12:20



How can being kind to ‘our enemy’ foster a feeling of peace towards them in our heart?

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How do you think they would react to our kindness?

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Heaping burning coals on your enemies’ head is a “horrible punishment reserved for the wicked (Psalm 140:10). Here, however, it is kindness that will hurt the enemy but perhaps win him over. Alternatively, the express may reflect an Egyptian expiation ritual, in which a guilty person, as a sign of his repentance, carried a basin of glowing coals on his head. The meaning here, then, would be that in returning good for evil - - and so being kind to your enemy - - you may cause him to repent or change. The Lord will reward you. Even if the enemy remains hostile.”

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How can being kind to someone who is hostile towards you lead to them repenting and having a change of heart?

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# Peace Leads Us Towards Being Seen as Children of God.

As God's children, our attitude and character should reflect the attitude and character of our Heavenly Father. When we live a life of peace God promises to bless us!

"May the God of peace,  
who through the blood of the  
eternal covenant brought back from  
the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with  
everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us  
what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to  
whom be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen."  
Hebrews 13:20-21

"Consider  
the blameless,  
observe the upright;  
there is a future for the man of  
peace."  
Psalm 37:37

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

"He will  
stand and shepherd  
his flock in the strength  
of the Lord, in the majesty of the  
name of the Lord his God. And they  
will live securely, for then his  
greatness will reach to the ends  
of the earth. And he will  
be their peace."  
Micah 5:4-5

"Peacemakers  
who sow in peace  
raise a harvest of righteousness."  
James 3:18

"Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I will say it again: Rejoice!  
Let your gentleness be evident to all.  
The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
And the peace of God, which transcends all  
understanding, will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 4:4-7