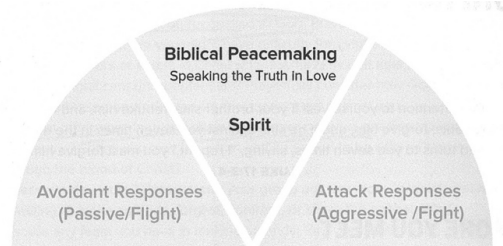


PEACEMAKING

A Care + Counsel Resource



AVOID: Peace-Faking - More interested in avoiding conflict than resolving conflict. Avoidant responses generally directed inward; more about “me”. Do what is easy, convenient, or non-threatening for themselves. More concerned with appearances than reality.

ATTACK: Peace-Breaking - More interested in winning a fight than preserving a relationship. Conflict is an opportunity to assert rights, control others, or take advantage of the situation. Attacking responses generally not focuses on “me”, but on “you” - blaming others, expecting others to solve the problem. Willing to sacrifice relationships to get what they want.

ADDRESS: Peacemaking - The better way than avoiding or attacking is to address the issue. It’s not about “me” or “you” but rather about “us.” Rather than giving into peace-faking or peace-breaking, this way is about biblical peacemaking.

FOUR G’S OF PEACEMAKING

The Peacemaker, Ken Sande

Glorify God - How can I please and honor the Lord in this situation?

Get the Log Out - Before talking to others about their wrongs, with God’s help I will ask myself:

- Have I examined my heart and motives first?
- Are there any sins I need to confess?
- What are the real issues?
- Is this something I should overlook?
- Am I treating the person as I would want to be treated?

Gently Restore - When I need to confront an issue, with God’s help I will:

- Carefully choose a good time and location to talk in-person.
- Believe best about the other person.
- Plan my words in advance.
- Actively listen to enter into the person’s life.
- Give hope and encouragement, avoiding shame and condemnation.
- Use the Bible to share truth in love.
- Encourage genuine repentance.

Go & Be Reconciled

- Forgive as the Lord forgives.
- Develop a plan future growth.
- Provide appropriate accountability.
- Commit to pray and encourage.

Essentials of a Genuine Apology

Who have you wronged and need to seek forgiveness through repentance? This worksheet is a guide to develop and express a genuine, heartfelt apology.

ADMIT specific actions & attitudes	
ACKNOWLEDGE hurt	
APOLOGIZE by expressing regret	
ADDRESS needed restitution	
ALTER behavior	
ASK for forgiveness	
ACCEPT the consequences	
ALLOW for time	