

The progression of peace making

Pursuing Peace - Extreme Peace-Making

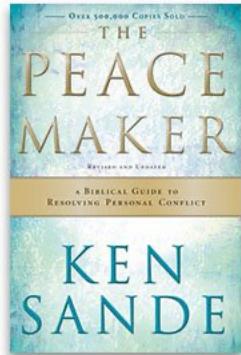
Equipped for Conflict – Part 5

New Song Community Church

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Wise, Foolish, Evil - Proverbs 9:7-9; 10:17;
12:1; 15:5; 15:31-32; 17:10; 19:25; 25:11-12;
27:5-6; 28:23



Matthew 18:15-17

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Romans 12:18

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Key Points

- Do your best to live at peace with everyone
- Some will refuse peace
- Discern who you're working with: wise foolish evil
- The sinful are self-condemned
- Justice is accountability for sin
- Beware the victim-flip-justice-protest a.k.a. toxic empathy
- Don't shortcut the process

If you would like to talk or pray after today's sermon, feel free to connect with me, Ashley McGlone, at 614-312-9225 or ashley@newsong.family.

Matthew 7:5	Proverbs 19:11 Proverbs 20:3	Matthew 18:15 Matthew 5:23-24	Matthew 18:16	Matthew 18:16	Matthew 18:17a	Matthew 18:17b
Get the log out	Overlook?	Go and be reconciled	Witnesses	Awareness	"Tax Collector" mode	
Self	Self	Alone	One or two others	Church	Church	
Wise	Wise	Wise	Foolish / Evil	Foolish / Evil	Foolish / Evil	