



JESUS' 8 STEPS TO HAPPINESS

Step Six: *'Happy are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God'.*

Matthew 5:9

WHO IS A PEACEMAKER?

- They are NOT a people pleaser or peacekeeper:
- They are a CHILD of God:

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God'.

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

WHY BE A PEACEMAKER?

- Because we are God's children:

'See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!' 1 John 3:1 (NIV)

'All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.' 1 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV)

- Because God tells his children to:

'Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.' Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

'This is how we know who the children of God are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister'. 1 John 3:10 (NIV)

HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKER?

- Live at peace with everyone:

'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.'

Romans 12:18 (NIV)

- Make peace with everyone:

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' Luke 6:31 (NIV)

A PRAYER FOR HELP:

Dear God,

I ask You to give me the courage and discernment to know how to make peace with those I have hurt. Help me to be honest as I look back and remember.

Guide me as I find the ways to make restitution, where appropriate. Finally, I pray that I can begin a new life today as I refocus my life on doing Your will in my relationships. Help me set aside my selfishness and set my whole heart on

You. I know I have a long way to go.

AMEN.



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