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“B7”

**Blessed are The
Peace Makers**

**“Let Go of My
Ego”**

Vitamins are Beneficial

B Vitamins have been used for years for:

- Energy**
- Outlook**
- Strength**

Jesus Gives us some B Vitamins for:

- Energy**
- Outlook**
- Strength**

They are Called ...the Beatitudes

Blessed = Happy



Matthew 5:9, “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God”

Blessed= Happy

Peace maker=

...Maker and Maintainer of Peace

***“True Happiness comes from ...
...being a Part of the Solution, not the
PROBLEM***

There are 2 Kind of People

- Thermometers...
 - Sense Climate...
... Reflect Climate
 - Powerless to Change
...No Difference Made
- Thermostats...
 - Sense Climate ...
... Reflect Climate
 - Power to Change
...Difference Made (-/+)



Its in this Last Category that You Find...

Trouble Makers

**A Person who Consciously...or
Unconsciously Causes Trouble**

Trouble Defined as...

- Misunderstandings**
- Hard feelings**
- Divisions**
- Builds Walls**

...Troublemakers Come in 2 classes...



Peace-Breakers

...Go Out of Their Way to Cause Trouble / Division

- Deliberately Confrontational
- Looking to Pick a Fight About Anything /Everything
 - ...Even Things that Don't Really Matter.
- Will Disagree – Just to Disagree.
- Driven by the Flesh...
 - ...*always have a Better Way*
- Desire to be Right...
 - ...*No Matter the Cost*
- Designated Tool...
 - ...*Blame Game*



Peace-Breakers

“Troublemakers start fights; gossips break up friendships.” Prov 16:28 (MSG)

- *“Kick out troublemakers /things will quiet down; you need a break from bickering /griping!” Prov 22:10 (MSG)*
- **Gossip, Slander, being a Busy-body, Judgmental These Things Don’t Belong in the Church.**
 - **We are here to Build Each Other Up...**
 - **...not to Tear Each Other Down**
 - **We are here to Create Unity not Division**
 - **We need to be Peace-Makers not Peace-Breakers**
 - **Let us be Peace Makers with our Actions /Words**

Peace-Fakers



Beattitudes

Peace-fakers will go to any lengths to avoid any kind of conflict, confrontation or argument.

- they settle for a counterfeit peace
- they give up – give in
- Never stand for anything
- Never accept responsibility
- Straddle the Wall
 - **Driven by Fear**
 - **Desire to be Liked**
 - **Detonation on the Way**

Proverbs 6:16-19

*These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven
are an abomination unto him:*

*A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed
innocent blood, haughty eyes,*

*An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet
that be swift in running to mischief, a heart that
devises wicked plans,*

*A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that
soweth discord among brethren.*

Proverbs 6:16-19 (AMP)

¹⁶ These six things the Lord hates, indeed, seven are an abomination to Him:

¹⁷ A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others], a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,

¹⁹ A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren.

Peace Makers

**A Person who Consciously
Stands in the Gap to Relieve Trouble
Intercedes in Trouble ...**

- Misunderstandings**
- Hard feelings**
- Divisions**
- Builds Bridges**

...They are a Different Kind of People

Peace-Makers



- **Peacemakers...**
 - **Pay Attention to What They SAY**
 - “A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.” Prov 15:1
 - **Attack the PROBLEM not the Person**
 - **You can't focus on fixing the problem if you're focused on**
 - **blaming at the same time. It's impossible.**
 - “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.” Eph 4:31-32 (NKJV)

Peace-Makers



Beattitudes

- **COOPERATE as Much as Possible**
 - **Romans 12:18 (HCSB)** *"If possible, on your part, live at peace with everyone."*
 - **"on your part". Some people are hard to get along with.**
- **Emphasize RELATIONSHIPS Above Resolution**
 - **We don't always agree** –but we can agreeably disagree.
 - **We may not see eye to eye** / still walk hand in hand.
 - *"Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other."* **2 Cor 5:17-18 (MSG)**

How Do We Accomplish These ?

Peacemakers...

- **Embrace the Cross**

Gal 2:20 *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me...”*

- **Build Bridges and Break Down Walls**

They recognize that in Christ God acted first to break down the dividing wall- we should too

- **Promote Unity**

John 17:21 (AMP) *That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me*

Called Sons of God

Notice: This is not how they *become* children of God

- only happens by receiving Jesus Christ as Savior.
- John 1:12, *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

By Making Peace,

- **Manifest** themselves as children of God
- God will one day acknowledge them as people who bear the family likeness.

Blessed are the Peacemakers,

- they are doing a God-like work