Wisdom in Peacemaking: Choosing the Holier Path



Explore seven days of studying God's wisdom in peacemaking, learning to prioritize reconciliation over conflict resolution through legal means.





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Introduction

Wisdom is more than knowledge; it is the art of living well with God and others. In this study, we dive deep into the heart of *peacemaking*, a key expression of godly wisdom. We're often faced with conflicts that tempt us to choose lengthy legal battles or divisions, yet Scripture reveals a path that honors God higher than courtroom victories: peace.

As believers, the call to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9) invites us to embrace humility, patience, and grace—qualities that reflect **God's own wisdom**. God's wisdom helps us discern when to pursue reconciliation before paperwork, choosing the *holier path* that embodies mercy and unity.

This Bible study will encourage you to examine God's Word for practical guidance to heal relationships and value peace above personal gain or pride. Through this journey, you'll learn how wisdom fosters understanding, guards your heart, and elevates peacemaking as a divine priority. Prepare to be transformed by God's vision of true wisdom, inviting you to seek harmony over strife and to walk faithfully as a peacemaker in all areas of life.

















Day 1: W The Call to Peacemaking

Your Verse

Matthew 5:9 NIV - 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'

Supporting Scriptures

- James 3:17 'The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.'
- Romans 12:18 'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.'







Day 1: 🐯 The Call to Peacemaking

Devotional: Called to Be God's Peaceful Children

God's kingdom honors peacemakers. To be called a child of God is one of the highest praises imaginable, and Jesus directly connects this identity to the act of making peace. Peacemaking isn't passive avoidance of conflict but a proactive pursuit of harmony and restoration.

This pursuit involves choosing grace and reconciliation over bitterness and division—even when difficult. The world often encourages us to "win" disputes through legal battles or hard lines, but God's wisdom shows us a better way: humility, mercy, and love that mend wounds rather than exacerbate them.

Ask yourself, how often do I strive first for peace before escalating a conflict? Can I reflect God's peace-loving wisdom today, even if it's uncomfortable? Through this day's passage, remember: being a peacemaker aligns you with God's heart and marks you as His own.







Day 1: 🖏 The Call to Peacemaking

Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean for me to be a peacemaker in my daily life?
2.	When faced with conflict, how do I usually respond and why?
	How can embracing God's wisdom change my approach to difficult situations?







Day 1: 🖏 The Call to Peacemaking

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a recent conflict and how you responded.
2.	List practical ways you can pursue peace proactively.
3.	Reflect on what it means to be called a 'child of God' through peace.







Day 1: 🐯 The Call to Peacemaking

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for calling me to be a peacemaker, a beloved child of Yours. *Help me to embrace Your wisdom* that values peace above pride and conflict. Teach me to prioritize reconciliation before paperwork, to reflect Your merciful heart in every relationship. May Your Spirit guide me to live peaceably and wisely, shining Your light in a divided world. In Jesus' name, Amen. 😂 💓 🙏

















Your Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV - 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 18:15–17 'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault just between the two of you. If they listen, you have won them over.'
- Romans 12:19 'Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath...'







Devotional: Trusting God Over Our Own Understanding

Worldly justice often seeks victory, but God's wisdom seeks righteousness and peace.

Jesus encourages us to handle disputes privately and gently, aiming to restore rather than punish. This reflects deep wisdom—one that values relationships over winning. Choosing this path may seem countercultural but honors God's holiness.

Consider the patience and surrender it requires not to demand our own way but to trust God's timing and justice. It is a journey toward maturity and spiritual peace, helping us release grudges and embrace reconciliation.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I balance my desire for justice with the call to trust God?
2.	What fears or pride make me resist peacemaking?
3.	Where has God shown up when I chose reconciliation over retaliation?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a time when trusting God changed an outcome.
2.	Write about areas where you struggle to surrender control.
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3.	List ways to practice submitting conflicts to God before acting.







Prayer for Today

Lord, I confess my temptation to rely on my own understanding instead of Yours. Teach me to trust Your perfect wisdom and justice, even when the easier path seems to demand control. Help me to submit my conflicts to You first, seeking peace and restoration. Strengthen my heart to release anger and embrace Your plan. In Jesus' name, Amen.















Your Verse

James 3:17-18 NIV - 'But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:29 'Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up.'
- Colossians 3:13 'Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance.'







Devotional: Sowing Peace Brings a Righteous Harvest

True wisdom manifests in the fruit it bears through our character and actions.

Choosing peacemaking requires us to be considerate and humble, willing to forgive even when wronged. This is challenging, especially when the urge to defend or retaliate feels natural. Yet, Scripture urges us to use our words to build up, not tear down.

By planting seeds of peace in difficult relationships, we reap righteousness—a harvest pleasing to God and healing to our souls. Reflect on whether your actions sow peace or fuel conflict, and embrace the wisdom that brings lasting harmony.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What fruits of heaven-sent wisdom are evident in my life?
2.	How can I be more considerate and merciful in conflicts?
3.	Are my words promoting peace or division in my relationships?







Journaling Prompts

1.	List the qualities of godly wisdom you want to grow.
2.	Write a forgiveness letter, even if you don't send it.
3.	Reflect on recent conversations and how they affected peace.







Prayer for Today

Father, help me bear the fruits of Your wisdom in all my relationships. Make me peace-loving, considerate, and merciful, teaching me to forgive and build others up through my words and actions. Guide me to sow peace daily, so I may reap a harvest that honors You. In Jesus' name, Amen.















Your Verse

Proverbs 4:23 NIV - 'Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 4:7 'And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'
- Matthew 6:21 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'







Devotional: Protect Your Heart, Source of True Peace

Your heart is the wellspring of life—the source from which your thoughts, words, and actions flow. Guarding it with wisdom is crucial for maintaining peace within and extending it outward.

Conflicts can tempt us toward anger, bitterness, or anxiety which poison our hearts and complicate reconciliation. Approaching peacemaking without protecting your inner life risks deeper wounds.

God's peace transcends situations, calming the inner storm and preserving your heart for His purposes. When you prioritize God's wisdom and peace, you strengthen your capacity to love and forgive, even amid challenges.

Examine what fills your heart: worry, pride, or God's truth? Guard it well to walk the path of peacemaking faithfully.







Reflect and Apply

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Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe how your heart feels amid a current conflict.
2.	Write down Scriptures that help guard your heart.
3.	Plan ways to nurture your heart through prayer and God's Word.







Prayer for Today

Lord, guard my heart with Your perfect peace and wisdom. Help me identify and remove any bitterness, anger, or anxiety that threaten the well-being of my soul. Teach me to treasure Your truth above all else, strengthening me to be a faithful peacemaker who reflects Your love. Thank You for Your constant protection. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Day 5: 🍑 Humility: The Key to Peace

Your Verse

Philippians 2:3-4 NIV - 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Proverbs 11:2 'When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.'
- Ephesians 4:2 'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.'







Day 5: 🍑 Humility: The Key to Peace

Devotional: Embrace Humility to Foster True Peace

Humility paves the way for genuine peace because it opens hearts to understanding and forgiveness. When we approach conflicts with pride, we prioritize winning or being right over relationships.

Paul's letter to the Philippians calls us to consider others' needs before our own ambitions—a radical posture that defends peace rather than fuels discord. Humility isn't weakness; it's strength under control, showing trust in God's justice rather than our own.

Peace begins when we surrender our selfish desires, listen deeply, and act with kindness. This daily choice forms the foundation for lasting reconciliation and manifests the wisdom God desires in His children.







Day 5: 🎔 Humility: The Key to Peace

Reflect and Apply

1.	Where does pride interfere with my peacemaking efforts?
2.	How can I better prioritize others' interests in conflicts?
3.	What opportunities has God given me to practice humility recently?







Day 5: 🎔 Humility: The Key to Peace

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time humility changed an outcome for the better.
2.	List habits that cultivate humility in your heart.
3.	Reflect on ways to set aside selfish ambitions in relationships.







Day 5: 🍑 Humility: The Key to Peace

Prayer for Today

God of humility, soften my heart to value others above myself. Teach me to lay down selfish ambition and embrace the humility that leads to peace. Help me to be patient, gentle, and loving in all relationships. May Your wisdom empower me to walk humbly before You and others today. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🕽 💙 🥰

















Your Verse

Colossians 3:13 NIV - 'Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:32 'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'
- Matthew 6:14–15 'For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.'







Devotional: Choosing Forgiveness to Renew Relationships

Forgiveness is a cornerstone of biblical wisdom and peacemaking.

Though sometimes incredibly difficult, forgiving is a deliberate act of surrendering resentment and inviting God's healing. It opens hearts to renewed relationships and reflects Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Without forgiveness, peace remains elusive and fragile. Embrace God's call to forgive today, trusting His power to restore and renew.







Reflect and Apply

1.	Is there someone I need to forgive to move toward peace?
2.	What fears or pain make forgiveness difficult for me?
3.	How does God's forgiveness inspire me to forgive others?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a prayer asking God for help to forgive.
2.	List benefits you've experienced when you forgave someone.
3.	Reflect on what holding a grudge costs your peace.







Prayer for Today

Lord, grant me the grace to forgive as You have forgiven me. Help me to release bitterness and resentment, trusting Your healing power. Soften my heart and restore broken relationships through Your love. Thank You for the freedom and peace forgiveness brings. In Jesus' name, Amen.







Day 7: XX Walking in God's Wisdom Everyday









Day 7: 🎇 Walking in God's Wisdom Everyday

Your Verse

Proverbs 2:6 NIV – 'For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.'

Supporting Scriptures

- James 1:5 'If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault.'
- Psalm 34:14 'Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.'







Day 7: 🎇 Walking in God's Wisdom Everyday

Devotional: Commit to Daily Wisdom and Peacemaking

Wisdom is a daily journey, not a one-time decision.

When we seek God earnestly, He provides insight to handle complex situations with grace and integrity. James reminds us that God abundantly gives wisdom when we ask in faith.

You are called to pursue peace actively—turn away from harmful actions and chase after what fosters wholeness and unity. This ongoing commitment shapes your character and reflects the heart of Christ to the world.

As you conclude this study, commit to leaning on God's wisdom daily, choosing peacemaking before paperwork, and embodying His love and peace wherever you go.







Day 7: 💥 Walking in God's Wisdom Everyday

Reflect and Apply

1.	How will I intentionally seek God's wisdom each day?
2.	What practical steps can I take to pursue peace constantly?
3.	How can I be a consistent peacemaker in my community?







Day 7: 💥 Walking in God's Wisdom Everyday

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a personal commitment to seek wisdom daily.
2	List ways to pursue peace in your everyday life.
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3.	Describe how this study has impacted your view of wisdom.







Day 7: 🎇 Walking in God's Wisdom Everyday

Prayer for Today

Gracious God, thank You for being the source of all wisdom and peace. $\not \approx \not \perp$



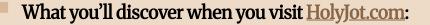




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