

# Peace on Earth

## *Peace In Your Relationships*

### 1. Self-focused

**Matthew 1:18-19** This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.<sup>19</sup> Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. (NLT)

**Philippians 2:3-5** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,<sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: (NIV)

### 2. Emotion-driven

#### 1. Anger

**Proverbs 29:22** An angry person stirs up conflict, and a hot-tempered person commits many sins. (NIV)

**Ephesians 4:26** “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, (NIV)

#### 2. Bitterness

**Hebrews 12:15** See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. (NIV)

#### 3. Pride

**Proverbs 11:2** When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. (NIV)

### 3. A lack of conflict resolution skills

#### God's Way Of Resolving Conflict:

#### 1. Go to the person

**Matthew 18:15** “If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. (NLT)

## **2. Talk it out**

### **1. Talk with the right tone**

**Proverbs 15:1** A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (NIV)

### **2. Talk with your posture**

### **3. Talk with your ears**

**James 1:19** Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. (NLT)

### **4. Talk to resolve**

**1 Peter 3:10–11** For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. <sup>11</sup>They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. (NIV)

**Romans 12:18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (NIV)