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—
“Never let the
family you came
from damage
the family that
comes from
you.”

UNKNOWN AUTHOR



The power of the
peacemaker: the key to
unity for every vision



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“...and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” [Matthew 19:5-6 \(NKJV\)](#)



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But he who is joined to the Lord is
one spirit *with Him* 1 CORINTHIANS 6:17 (NKJV)



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in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

EPHESIANS 2:21 (NKJV)




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from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.



Here's what I do know anytime you have a vision and two or more people to fulfill it You will have conflict and warfare.

Here is why:



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“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ “Again^[a] I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”


MATTHEW 18:18-20 (NKJV)



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How could one chase a thousand, And two
put ten thousand to flight, Unless their
Rock had sold them, And the LORD had
surrendered them?

DEUTERONOMY 32:30 (NKJV)



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Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity! ² *It is* like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. ³ *It is* like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

PSALM 133 (NKJV)



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“...and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.”


EPHESIANS 4:23 (NKJV)

**We are living in a time where
culture is dictating
(influencing) the church
instead of the church
dictating (influencing) the
culture**

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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

JOHN 14:27 (NIV)

My dear children, you come from God and belong to God. You have already won a big victory over those false teachers, for the Spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world. These people belong to the Christ-denying world. They talk the world's language and the world eats it up. But we come from God and belong to God. Anyone who knows God understands us and listens. The person who has nothing to do with God will, of course, not listen to us. This is another test for telling the Spirit of Truth from the spirit of deception.



1 JOHN 4:4-6 (MSG)

**I have identified this as
another shortcut to increase**

“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

⁹ “You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.



MATTHEW 5:8-9 (MSG)

Ma Betty Peebles
taught me years
ago.


That peace is the
magnificent
obsession of rest





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This lesson will distance you from
the mediocre (average) believer
**Mediocre defined: of only moderate quality, not
very good.**



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¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.

¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

People who are not at peace don't have any rest, and people who can't rest won't have any peace. That's why the mess is magnified in them, and they become messy.

— Three Enemies of a Peacemaker

1. Emotional, Ignorance

Proverbs 3:5-7 (SLIDE #23)

2. Lack of Maturity

1 Corinthians 13:11 (SLIDE #24)

3. Offense

Proverbs 18:19 (SLIDE#25)

Luke 7:23 (SLIDE #26)



Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall [\[a\]](#)direct your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

PROVERBS 3:5-7 (NKJV)



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When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **1 CORINTHIANS 13:11(NKJV)**



A brother offended *is harder to win* than a strong city,
And contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

PROVERBS 18:19(NKJV)



And blessed is *he* who is not [\[a\]](#)offended because of
Me.”

LUKE 7:23(NKJV)



My prayer has been and what I have been noticing is that other pastors are discerning the heart of God and teaching along the same lines.

IN CLOSING

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

LUKE 22:32 (KJV)





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