

MESSAGE NOTES

“Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

THE URGENCY OF RECONCILIATION

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"You shall be called the repairer of the breach." (Isaiah 58:12 ESV) "the repairer of broken walls." (NIV)

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God. Matt. 5:9

FOUR GUIDELINES TO BRING RECONCILIATION

1. HANDLE THE SITUATION _____

11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good — no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother.

16 He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

2. HELP BOTH SIDES _____ TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do,

9 yet I appeal to you on the basis of love.

14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced.

3. YOU MUST BE WILLING TO _____

*18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, **charge it to me.***

*19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. **I will pay it back** — not to mention that you owe me your very self.*

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners,** Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8*

*For if, **while we were God's enemies,** we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, Rom. 5:10*

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4. _____ ON THEIR PROGRESS

22 And one thing more: **Prepare a guest room for me**, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. **And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation**. 20 We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us**. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:18-21

Let the PEACE of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. Colossians 3:15