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*[God] has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships.*

2 Corinthians 5:18 (GWT)

Paul wrote, *"If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you,...Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends."*

Philippians 2:1-2

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He wrote, *"Shame on you! Surely there is at least one wise person in your fellowship who can settle a dispute between fellow Christians."*

1 Corinthians 6:5 (TEV)

*"I'll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other."*

1 Corinthians 1:10 (MSG)

Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 Corinthians 5:18

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, I make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Philippians 2:1-2

I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren,

1 Corinthians 6:5

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 1:10

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Jesus said, *“God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.”*

Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

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As believers, God has *“called us to settle our relationships with each other.”*

2 Corinthians 5:18 (MSG)

*“What causes fights and quarrels among you?... You want something but don’t get it.... You do not have, because you do not ask God.”*

James 4:1-2 (NIV)

He said, *“If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.”*

Matthew 5:23-24

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*“To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do”*

Job 5:2 (TEV)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 5:9

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2 Corinthians 5:18

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? <sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

James 4:1-2

Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Matthew 5:23-24

For anger slays the foolish man, And jealousy kills the simple.

Job 5:2

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and *“You are only hurting yourself with your anger.”*

Job 18:4 (TEV)

O you who tear yourself in your anger-  
- For your sake is the earth to be abandoned, Or the rock to be moved from its place?

Job 18:4

Paul advised, *“Look out for one another’s interests, not just for your own.”*

Philippians 2:4 (TEV)

do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4

David admitted, *“When my thoughts were bitter and my feelings were hurt, I was as stupid as an animal.”*

Psalms 73:21-22 (TEV)

When my heart was embittered And I was pierced within, Then I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before You.

Psalms 73:21-22

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In contrast, the Bible says, *“A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.”*

Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

Proverbs 19:11

To restore fellowship *“we must bear the ‘burden’ of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others.... Let’s please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good.”*

Romans 15:2 (LB)

Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.

Romans 15:2

*“Christ did not indulge his own feelings...as scripture says: The insults of those who insult you fall on me.”*

Romans 15:3 (NJB)

For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME."

Romans 15:3

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*“First get rid of the log from your own eye; then perhaps you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.”*

Matthew 7:5 (NLT)

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

Matthew 7:5

The Bible says, *“If we claim that we’re free of sin, we’re only fooling ourselves.”*

1 John 1:8 (MSG)

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

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The Bible says, *“A gentle response defuses anger, but a sharp tongue kindles a temper-fire.”*

Proverbs 15:1 (MSG)

A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:1

*“A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.”*

Proverbs 16:21 (TEV)

The wise in heart will be called understanding, And sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.

Proverbs 16:21

Paul sums it up this way: *“Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you.”*

Ephesians 4:29

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

Paul said, *“Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.”*

Romans 12:18 (TEV)

If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Romans 12:18

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*“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 5:9 (MSG)

That’s why Peter urged, *“Work hard at living in peace with others.”*

1 Peter 3:11 (NLT)

**Verse to Remember:**

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