

PERSONAL PEACEMAKING SEMINAR – HOW TO TURN PERSONAL CONFLICT INTO BLESSING

Sunday, March 29th in the Fellowship Center
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

All of us know what it is like to experience conflict in the important personal relationships of our lives. God has a plan for how we can deal with such conflict and, in turn, experience the blessings Jesus Christ promised when he said: *“Blessed are the peacemakers...”* (Matthew 5:9)

In this 4 hour Sunday Seminar you will learn about the fundamental problem that causes most conflicts, and how to deal with this problem. You will also discover practical peacemaking principles that will make a real difference in your daily life and relationships. Many people in our church are being blessed by incorporating these peacemaking principles into their lives. You won't want to miss out on this tremendous opportunity to see conflict in your life turned into great blessing.

This Seminar will be led by Jim and Marianne Busche and Gary and Bev Forrest—the Busche's and Forrest's are outstanding and experienced Seminar leaders who have been certified by Peacemakers Ministry.

The Personal Peacemaking Seminar will be held on *Sunday, March 29th*, following our first worship service of the morning. There is no charge for this Seminar. Lunch will be served as part of this Seminar, and Child Care will be available.

You may register by signing up at the Peacemakers Table in the courtyard or by calling/emailing Karen at the church office (327-5611 – ext. 101 / Karen@oursaviors.org) When you register, please indicate if you need childcare.

JOYFUL GENEROSITY A CASE FOR JOYFUL GENEROSITY Finding New Joy in Your Giving March 1, 2009 SW201

INTRODUCTION

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and **joy in the Holy Spirit...**

Proverbs 17:22

A **joyful heart** is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.

I. JOY HAS TO DO WITH GIVING!

In Your Bible:
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
(Page 1147 in the Pew Bible)

Key Point:
Giving to the Work of Jesus Christ Is
A Matter of the _____!

II. CHEERFUL GIVERS IN THE BIBLE

A. The People of God in _____

In Your Bible:
Exodus 25:1-9
(Page 78 in the Pew Bible)

Exodus 35:4-5,21,22,26,29

Exodus 36:4-7

B. The People of God in _____

Nehemiah 4:6
So we rebuilt the wall...because the people worked at it
with all their heart.

C. The _____ at _____

Matthew 2:10-11

When they saw the star, **they were overjoyed.** 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. **Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts** of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

D. The _____ at _____

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who **for the joy set before him** endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Corinthians 8:9;9:15

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich...thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

III. FOUR WAYS TO GROW IN THE JOY OF GIVING

A. _____ on God's _____ to You

B. _____ Yourself of God's _____

C. _____ Your _____

*+Do I really believe God's promises to provide for me?
+Do I really believe that Kingdom work is this important?
+Am I responding out of pressure or because I really care about Christ and about souls?
+Is my giving an appropriate expression of my income and all that Jesus Christ has done for me?
+Is my giving impulsive or have I prayed about it?
+Am I genuinely filled with joy over what God has done in my life and do I want to thank Him for this through generous giving?*

D. _____ God By Being Extremely _____

CONCLUSION

2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!