

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 ENJOYING THE BENEFITS OF GENEROSITY

Living in the Great Gain of Godly Contentment

March 22, 2009
SW204

INTRODUCTION

In Your Bible:
1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19
(Page 1177 in the Pew Bible)

I. THERE ARE GREAT BLESSINGS TO JOYFUL GENEROSITY (v. 18-19)

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided **in his heart** to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, **for God loves a cheerful giver.**

Acts 20:35
“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

What Are These Blessings?

A. Joy _____

B. Joy _____

II. THIS KIND OF JOYFUL GIVING FLOWS OUT OF A CERTAIN KIND OF HEART (v. 6)

A. A _____ Heart

“ ...But godliness...”

1 Chronicles 29:12

Wealth and honor come **from You alone**, for You rule over everything. Power and might **are in Your hand**, and **at Your discretion** people are made great and given strength.

God's Plan for God's People:

*Joyful Generosity Through
The Returning of the Tithe
and*

The Giving of Sacrificial Gifts Beyond the Tithe

B. A _____ Heart

“...with contentment...”

Dale Litfin:

An inner God-Sufficiency which does not depend on material circumstances for a sense of peace and security

Hebrews 13:5-6

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. 6 **So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid...”**

III. THE GREAT GAIN OF GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT

A. We Hold _____ Things _____ (v. 7)

B. We Keep Our _____ in _____ (v. 8)

C. We Withstand the _____ of _____ (v.9-10)

IV. DO YOU WANT TO MULTIPLY YOUR JOYS? (v. 18-19)

A. Use Your Money for _____

“...Command them to do good...”

B. Be Rich in _____

“...to be rich in good deeds...”

C. Be Willing to _____

“...to be generous and willing to share...”

D. Lay Up Treasures in _____

“...in this way they will lay up treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.”

CONCLUSION