

received from us."

(2 Thessalonians 3:14) "And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed."

(1 Corinthians 5:4-5) "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, [5] deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

(2 Corinthians 2:6-7) "This punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man, [7] so that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow."



guard paused, then replied, "Liddell was a Christian, wasn't he?"

Liddell spoke no Japanese; the guard spoke no English. Their only direct contact was at the required roll calls, twice a day. How did the guard know that Liddell was a Christian? He must have seen Christ in Eric as he resolved conflicts in the camp.

"Blessed are the peacemakers," said Jesus, "for they shall be called sons of God" (Mt. 5:9). Peacemakers themselves are filled with God's peace, the very quality with which they help others. More than solving arguments, peacemakers are living evidence of God's reconciling love in Christ.

At home, at work, or in school, we can show Jesus Christ to others by the way we handle conflict. —DCM



*May Christ be seen in me, O Lord,
Hear Thou my earnest plea;
O take me, fill me, use me, Lord,
Till Christ be seen in me. —DeHoff
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The best peacemakers are those who have peace with God.

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Peacemakers

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. —
Matthew 5:9**

Eric Liddell, the Scottish runner whose life was portrayed in the movie *Chariots Of Fire*, served as a missionary in China for 20 years—the last 2 in a Japanese internment camp during the Second World War. He was known as a peacemaker among individuals and groups whenever anger flared in the stressful environment of the camp. Liddell's life left a deep impression on everyone.

When a Japanese guard asked why Liddell was not at roll call one day, a man told him that Eric had died unexpectedly a few hours earlier. The



Insights for Living Standfast in Harmony 4



#1. Standfast in harmony, v2-3

- #2. Standfast in joy, v4
- #3. Standfast in gentleness, v5
- #4. Standfast in peace, v6-7
- #5. Standfast in thought, v8
- #6. Standfast in action, v9

We can standfast in harmonious relationships by:

1. Resolving interpersonal conflict, verse 2

Paul's case study in verse 2 (on resolving interpersonal conflict) can be considered in three steps:

#1. Understand how we get into conflict, verses 2

Differences: demands: division

#2. Find the right Attitude, verses 2, 2:5, 8

- ◆ Humility,
- ◆ Seek to glorify God,

#3. Live out the right actions, verse 2

Now we need to consider 5 questions that will lead us to the right actions,

- ◆ Can I overlook this hurt, this offence?
- ◆ What is my side of the ledger?
- ◆ How do I confess my part?
admit it (to God/to all/specifically/and the hurt)
accept the consequences
avoid repeating the sin
ask for forgiveness
- ◆ What does it take to forgive?

I promise not to:

- ◆ dwell on the sin
- ◆ bring up the sin
- ◆ talk about the incident to others
- ◆ let the incident hinder our relationship

◆ How can I _____?

(Matthew 7:3-5) "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? {4} "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? {5} "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

(Galatians 6:1) "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted."



Eye Spud



2. Making _____ between _____ parties, verse 3

#1. How can others _____?

(Matthew 5:9) "Blessed are the peacemakers, ..."

(Matthew 18:15-16) "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

[16] "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'"

P _____

A _____

U _____

(James 1:19) "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;"

S _____ wisdom

(James 3:17) "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."

(James 1:5) "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

Express concern at _____

(Luke 6:27-36) "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, {28} "bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. {29} "To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. {30} "Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. {31} "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. {32} "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. {33} "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. {34} "And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. {35} "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. {36} "Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful."

#2. What can we do if all _____?

(Matthew 18:17) "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector."

(Romans 12:18) "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."

(Titus 3:10) "Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,"

(Romans 16:17) "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them."

(2 Thessalonians 3:6) "But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he

