



Improving the Peacemaker's Perspective

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A Positive Reflection of the Peacemaker

1. She sacrifices her own comfort for people she would never know.
2. She sets others up for success.
3. She created healthy spaces for people of varying opinions.
4. She listened better than anyone in Jesus' circle.

The Problem – she was silent = Passive

John 7:5 (NLT)

For even his brothers didn't believe in him.

The Negative Reflection of the Peacemaker

1. She rarely voiced her own personal needs.
2. She avoided any kind of conflict.
3. She appeared, at times, to be unable to confront.
4. She privately guarded her core feelings and emotions.

The Pro – she was sacrificially seeking unity = Peace

The Best Reflection of the Peacemaker

Matthew 5:10, 43-44 (NLT)

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Jesus was the only perfect peacemaker, who loved even those who hated him, by substituting his life for the sins of all mankind.

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"It is finished!"

Healthy Peacemakers Reflect:

- Openness and ownership of their personal feelings.
- Initiative and independence regarding their opinions, frustrations and preferences.
- Personal and practical goals, outside of caring for others.

Peacemakers need me to love and appreciate their:

- Positive outlook and practical approach to life.
- Relaxed lifestyle and resistance to conflict.
- Dependability and discernment in all relationships.

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