



Matthew 18:20 (Message)

(Jesus said) **When two or three of you are together** because of me, **you can be sure** that I'll be **there.**

[1] **Care-fronters don't make a big deal about every little offense!**

Proverbs 19:11 (NLT)

Sensible people **control their temper**; they **earn respect** by **overlooking wrongs.**

[2] **Care-fronters courageously act when an offense could become a big, destructive deal!**

Matthew 18:15 (ERV)

(Jesus says) – "If your brother or sister in God's family **does something wrong, go** and tell **them what they did wrong.** Do this when you are alone with them. **If they listen to you,** then you have **helped them ..."**

Ephesians 3:12 (MSG)

When we **trust in God,** we're **free to say** whatever **needs to be said, bold to go wherever** we **need to go.**

Matthew 18:16 (ERV)

(Jesus says) – "But if they **refuse to listen,** go to them again and **take one or two people with you."**

[3] **Care-fronters are more than peace lovers, they're peacemakers!**

Matthew 5:9 – "**Blessed** are the **peacemakers!**"

It's **always more rewarding** to **resolve** a **conflict** than to **dissolve** a **relationship**.

-- Rick Warren

**#1 - Peace-makers understand what peace is, and isn't!**

**#2 - Peace-makers show everyone respect!**

1 Peter 2:17 (TLB) - **Show respect** for **everyone**.

Leviticus 19:3 (NIV)

**Each** of you **must respect** his **mother** and **father**...

Leviticus 19:32 (NLT)

**Show** your **reverence of God** by **standing up** in the **presence of elderly people** and **showing respect** for the **aged**.

1 Peter 3:7 (NIV)

Husbands ... be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them **with respect**...

Ephesians 5:33 (NLT)

Each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must **respect** her husband.

**#3 - Peace-makers seek first to understand, then to be understood!**

James 1:19 (NLT)

You must all be **quick** to **listen**, **slow** to **speak**, and **slow** to **get angry**.

**#4 - Peace-makers are effective communicators!**

Ecclesiastes 12:9-10 (NLT)

The **Teacher** was **considered wise** ... he **listened carefully** ... and **sought to find** just the **right words** to **express truths clearly**.

**#5 - Peace-makers are relationally welcoming not relationship canceling!**

Romans 14:1 (MSG)

**Welcome** with **open arms fellow believers** who **don't see things** the **way you do**. And **don't jump all over them** every time **they do** or **say something** you **don't agree with**—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak (sensitive) in the faith department. **Remember**, they have their own history to deal with. **Treat them gently**.