



**Ch. 7**  
**“Promote Peace”**

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***Relational “Peace”***  
Peace in relationships is not the absence of conflict as much as the flourishing of mutual love.

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***Conflict is Essential for Relational Growth***  
“Positive” approaches to conflict harness the relational power of growth. Do you hide from conflict or embrace it as an opportunity to grow?

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***Conflict-Promoting People***  
Some people like negative (debilitating) conflict; they promote it to make themselves feel good and to gain relational power. Should we avoid such people?

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***I-It vs. I-Thou Relationships***  
Promoting peace requires us to “look up” to others as God’s special children, holy and beloved—not “down” to others as mere “things” to be used. (Martin Buber)

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NINE WAYS NOT TO CONFRONT PEOPLE

1. Out of personal irritation and anger
2. Without knowing all of the relevant facts
3. With a judgmental attitude
4. With condemnatory language
5. With an adversarial tone
6. With Scripture as a “club” to clobber others
7. With purely human expectations
8. In the midst of a broken relationship
9. With the expectation of instantaneous progress

Adapted from Paul David Tripp, *War of Words: Getting to the Heart of Your Communication Struggles* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2000), 137–38.

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