

“Cursed are the Hotheads” (Nabal)

1 Samuel 25

Mediation principles: How to be a peacemaker in a difficult situation

There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil, but joy for those who promote peace.
Proverbs 12:20

1. She served both sides.
2. She paid the price for peace.

3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men — the testimony given in its proper time.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

14 Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:14-15

3. She used her words and actions to steward (manage) the conflict toward a positive outcome.
4. She glorified God in the conflict.

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1

Four ways to glorify God in the midst of conflict

- Acknowledge God. Don't leave Him out of the conflict.
- Have confidence in God.
- Obey His commands.
- Imitate Him.

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation ...

Colossians 1:21-22