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## TAKING ACTION

Therefore, to him who knows to do good  
and does not do it, to him it is sin.  
—JAMES 4:17

[Read the epilogue, "Taking Action."]

**N**OW IS THE TIME TO ACT! ASK THE LORD TO REMIND YOU OF offenses you have hidden, forgotten, or denied. Ask the Holy Spirit to walk you through your past, bringing to mind the people with whom you have an offense.

When you know that your heart has been cleansed of past offenses and is strong and settled, stand firm and resist Satan's bait in the future.

Be ready to pray and ask forgiveness. Prepare to go to them in humility to ask forgiveness and to be reconciled. Use the prayer in the epilogue as a guideline for your prayer.

As you prepare to pray, jot down your responses to the following

During this thirty-day devotional program, the most important thing

I have learned is to forgive & don't be easily offended

When tempted by the bait of Satan, I will ask the Lord to search my heart & pray

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The next step I need to take personally in order to resist offense with people is let the Holy Spirit take over

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One person I need to immediately ask for forgiveness is my sister

One reason I need to keep a spiritual journal is I will not hold on to unforgiveness

In regard to offenses, I need to pray daily that we with his love,

When you know that your heart has been cleansed of past offenses and is strong and settled, stand firm and resist Satan's bait in the future. Read about the whole armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-18. You will be an overcomer and will defeat the enemy!

### WRITE A PRAYER...

Thanking God for the specific protection He gives with each piece of spiritual armor He has provided for you.

Lord I thank you for always providing for me

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Peacemakers are...

**Loving**

☒ I am ☐ I need to be

**Quick to listen**

☒ I am ☐ I need to be

**Patient**

☐ I am ☒ I need to be

**Slow to anger**

☒ I am ☐ I need to be

**Forgiving**

☐ I am ☒ I need to be

**Slow to speak**

☒ I am ☐ I need to be

**Open**

☒ I am ☐ I need to be

**Obedient**

☐ I am ☒ I need to be

**Vulnerable**

☒ I am ☐ I need to be

**Hearing God**

☒ I am ☐ I need to be

**Truthful**

☒ I am ☐ I need to be

**Humble**

Jesus demonstrated all these qualities. When the Spirit of the Prince

of Peace indwells us, we have the power to be all of these things. He is not willing that any should perish. But He will not compromise truth for a relationship. He seeks reconciliation with true commitment, not on superficial terms. This develops a bond of love that no evil can sever. He has laid down His life for us. We can only do likewise.

Love never fails, never fades, and never comes to an end. It seeks not its own. It is not easily offended. (See 1 Corinthians 13.)

**WRITE A PRAYER...**

Asking God to fill you with His love for others—especially for your enemies and for those who could offend you.

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Lord I pray you reach my heart  
and fill me with love &  
forgiveness for others



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God's reaching out to me demonstrated that we were  
all sinners yet he still chose me

The reason He reached out to me was i was losing  
myself to this world

What God accomplished in reaching out to me was saving  
me & those around me

Even though He reached out to us, we could not be reconciled to the Father until we received His word of reconciliation.

We are to repair the breach that prevents  
the restoration of our relationship.

In the New Testament, the disciples preached that the people had sinned against God. But why tell people they have sinned? To condemn them? God does not condemn. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:17). Rather it is to bring them to a place where they realize their condition, repent of their sins, and ask forgiveness.

WRITE A PRAYER...

*Repenting and asking God to help you reconcile with anyone you have offended or who has offended you.*

Lord i pray you reconcile any  
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Recall a recent time when you asked someone to forgive you. Briefly indicate the approach you used with them. Circle anything prideful that you said or did.

I asked my friend for forgiveness  
when not being completely  
honest.

Humbling ourselves will promote reconciliation. Pride defends, but humility agrees and says, "You are right. I have acted this way. Please forgive me."

Read James 3:17 and rewrite it in your own words.

When the Lord gives us wisdom  
it is honest + pure

Godly wisdom is having a willingness to yield. Godly wisdom is not stiff-necked or stubborn when it comes to personal conflicts. A person submitted to godly wisdom is not afraid to yield or defer to the other person's viewpoint as long as it does not violate truth.

#### WRITE A PRAYER...

Asking God to reveal offenses in your heart and to give you wisdom to approach those you have offended.

Lord I pray for any offense  
in my heart, I ask that you  
reveal it

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## APPROACHING SOMEONE WHO HAS OFFENDED YOU

*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.*

—MATTHEW 18:15

[Read the section in chapter 14 titled "Approaching Someone Who Has Offended You."]

MANY PEOPLE APPLY MATTHEW 18:15 IN A DIFFERENT SPIRIT than the one Jesus intended. If hurt, they confront the offender in a spirit of revenge and anger, using the verse to justify their condemnation of the one who has hurt them. But they have misunderstood the reason Jesus instructed us to go to one another. It is not for brother how rotten he has been to us. We are to repair the breach that prevents the restoration of our relationship. Jesus does not want us to tell our sinners against God, He "demonstrates His own love toward [and for] us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Are we willing to lay down our self-protection and die to pride in order to be restored to the one who has offended us? God reached out to us before we asked for forgiveness. Jesus decided to forgive us before we even acknowledged our offense.

Carefully read Romans 5:6-11, and then respond to the following statements:

My condition when God reached out to me was I felt I needed  
to be perfect.



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Often we judge ourselves by our *intentions* and judge everyone else by their *actions*.

Make a list of any persons with whom you have an offense. By each name write down the time and date when you will go to that person, seeking to be reconciled.

Name	Date	Time
my sister	Feb.	2:00pm
John	Feb.	2:30pm
Lynnda	Mar.	3:00pm

Often we judge ourselves by our *intentions* and judge everyone else by their *actions*. It is possible to intend one thing while communicating something totally different. Sometimes our true motives are cleverly hidden, even from us. We want to believe they are pure. But as we filter them through the Word of God we see them differently. If you need to be reconciled, good motives are not enough. It's time to go immediately and be reconciled. Will you go?

### WRITE A PRAYER...

Asking God to empower you with love and boldness to go and be reconciled to anyone with whom you have experienced offense.

Lord I pray you fill me with love  
& give me the words to have  
an understanding heart.

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