

Introduction

- I. We are considering God's steps for dealing with conflict in our lives.
- II. This passage calls us to restore those who fall into sin because we love them.

Peacemakers: (5) Restoring the Fallen

I. The Beautiful Calling

A. God's people fall and are overcome by the assaults of gross sin.

B. When this happens, and it will, this is what we do: those who are spiritual restore such an one.

1. The text is not distinguishing between two kinds of Christians: spiritual and fallen sinners.
2. The restoration we want is healing from sin that comes by repentance and reconciliation.

II. The Gently Way

A. The gentle way of restoring the fallen brother is the spirit of meekness.

B. In Matthew 18, Jesus provides the step-by-step way that we restore the fallen brother with the Word of God and prayer. This is God's way.

III. The Urgent Warning

A. We are to keep careful inventory of our own lives that we may be saved from falling into sin ourselves.

B. In the text we see how the steps of peacemaking fit together in the wisdom of God.