

**Is It Right To Fight?**  
**Romans 12:18**

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1. What does the Bible say about war?
2. Wars seem to be the status quo of the existence of mankind. After all, from the very outset when only two brothers lived, one ended up killing the other.
3. Looking at our text this morning, this verse says, **Romans 12:18 "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."** Circle "if it is possible."
  - a. The Bible is very practical here.
4. We are going to look today at several questions in regards to the Christian's response to war.
  - I. What Causes Conflict?
    - A. The Bible tells us what causes most wars. (**James 4:1-2**)
    - B. The Bible says in **Proverbs 13:10 "The effect of pride is fighting."**
      1. Pride causes fighting.
    - C. A fact of life: We live in a fallen world.
  - II. When Is It Right To Engage In Conflict?
    - A. There are times when it is the lesser of two evils. (**Ecclesiastes 3:8**)
      1. There are many examples in the Bible where God commanded a war.
      2. When you look at the great heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11, these guys were all warriors.
    - B. Then the question becomes, "How do you know a good war from a bad war?"
      1. When it is fought in order to preserve freedom.
      2. When it is to defend innocent people. (**Proverbs 21:15**)
      3. When it is to stop the spread of evil. (**Romans 13:4**)
  - III. Will There Ever Be Peace?
    - A. "**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**" (**Psalms 122:6**)
    - B. Someday, the Prince of Peace is going to return.
  - IV. How Should We Respond During War? What is the Christian's response? Four things:
    - A. Don't be easily misled. (**Luke 21:8-9**)
    - B. Pray about those in the conflict. (**1 Timothy 2:1-2**)
    - C. Trust God with matters beyond our understanding. (**Psalms 27:1-3**)
    - D. Seek peace with all people. (**1 Peter 3:11**)
    - E. We need to support each other. (**Gal. 6:2**)