

# "Tattletale" Checklist



Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for  
brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1

## 1 Is it something you can overlook?

Please do not be quick to repeat every small grievance committed against you. This causes division in your relationships with your siblings and friends and destroys the peace in our home. Seek to not be a person who is too easily offended or provoked.

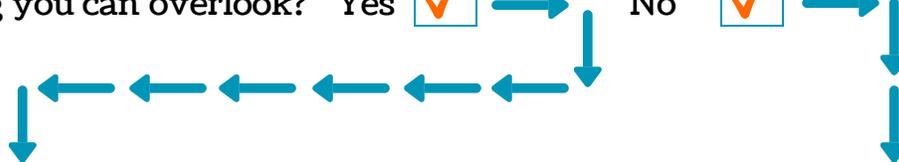
He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends. Psalm 17:9

Is this something you can overlook?

Yes



No



Wonderful! God's grace is working in your life to enable you to seek love and peace, rather than your own desires. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." The next time you pray, thank God for helping you today to live at peace with your siblings.

If you do not feel you can overlook the transgression, please go to the next step on this checklist.



Please remember that it is ALWAYS okay to come to Mom or Dad if someone has physically hurt you or committed violence against you in any way. Also, ALWAYS come to Mom or Dad right away if someone has touched you inappropriately or has asked you to do something that you know is wrong or against our family rules.

## 2 What is your own wrong doing in the matter?

Please consider carefully if you have provoked your sibling or friend to anger by teasing or aggravating them. If so, try to resolve the situation peacefully yourself. Apologize and confess your wrongdoing before running to tell Mom or Dad about the other person's offense. Consider if you are being selfish, stubborn or difficult to get along with. After you have considered your own actions and attitude, go to step 3.

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Matthew 7:3-5

## 3 Have you tried to resolve it peacefully with your brother?

We should strive to live at peace with all men if possible. (Yes, this includes your siblings!) The book of James makes it clear that the reason we fight and argue is because of our selfish desires. Below are some ways you can try to peacefully resolve arguments with siblings and friends. Please use one of these suggestions before "tattling" to Dad or Mom.

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. Matthew 18:15

- Apologize or speak softly and humbly to diffuse an angry situation.
- Give up your own rights and seek to love and please one another. (favorite seat on movie night, last cookie, favorite toy, etc.)
- Cast lots to see who will pick the movie or eat the last cookie or play with a favorite toy. You can do this by flipping a coin or picking a number.
- Go to your room and pray for your sibling. Then go to them and explain how they hurt or offended you. If they listen to you, you have gained your brother!

## 4 Do you still need help? Now you may tell a parent. ✓

Sometimes even with our best efforts we cannot get along with others. Perhaps your sibling or friend will not repent and confess their own wrongdoing or perhaps they are being stubborn and refuse to cooperate with you. Maybe you both need Mom or Dad's help seeing the situation from each other's perspective. You may now come to Dad or Mom for help resolving the situation. Thank you for trying so hard to live at peace with your siblings and friends!

But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' Matthew 18:16

## 5 Bible verses for you to copy or memorize. ✓

The Bible tells us that we should memorize God's word so that we will not sin against Him. Here are some verses about getting along with others that you should study and memorize. Hiding these verses in your heart will make it easier for you to be a peacemaker the next time you are faced with a difficult situation with your sibling or friend.

Romans 12: 18

John 13: 34

Hebrews 12: 14

Proverbs 19:11

Proverbs 17:14

Matthew 5: 23-24

1 John 4: 19-20

Matthew 7:12

Ephesians 4:32

Romans 14: 19

Philippians 2: 4

Colossians 3: 13