



1) Read

For more in-depth reading about biblical authority and conscientious objection, read an excerpt of an essay by Ken Brown called “The Christian’s Relationship to the State,” in *Six Papers on Peace: A Symposium* (Elgin, IL: Church of the Brethren General Board, 1969). Find it online at www.brethren.org/KenBrown



2) Biblical one-liners

The Bible contains some very short verses that say a lot. Choose one or more that you find particularly meaning. Create a poster, devote pages in your journal to graphic depictions of these verses, design a pin or button using the verse, make a bumper sticker with plain contact paper, or create a computer design and post on your personal webpage.



- “Love the Lord your God with heart, soul, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”
- “Do not murder.” (Exodus 20:13)
- “All that is required of you is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)
- “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” (1 John 4:7)
- “God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them.” (1 John 4:16)



- “If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (Romans 12:18)
- “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (Matthew 5:43-44)

3) Watch a movie

Pick a film about war or peace and watch it by yourself, with friends, or with a mentor.

Write a movie review in your journal.



4) Journal ideas

- Read “Church gains memo of understanding with Selective Service System” at <http://support.brethren.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=11903> and respond in your journal to the relationship between the church and the military.
- If you read Ken Brown's article on "The Christian's Relationship to the State," write about your reactions. Do you agree or disagree with him? Why?

