



Friendly Persuasion (1956)
(137 minutes)

Story: An uplifting film about a Quaker family whose peaceful lives are disrupted by the Civil War. Outstanding performances by Gary Cooper and Dorothy McGuire.

Powerful insights into the challenges of upholding religious convictions in the face of the injustices of war. Anthony Perkins gives an exceptional performance as the son wrestling with the decision of defending his country or maintaining the pacifistic views of his religion.

A beautiful and sensitive film whose tapestry is highlighted with humor. A gem!

Category: Drama

Rating: Not rated

Values: Obedience to God; kindness and pacifism vs. war; tolerance toward others

Who Might Like This: Ages 8 and up

Cautions: Several war scenes

Cast: Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire, Anthony Perkins.

Movie Quote: (Jess Birdwell to his wife) “When thee asks or suggests, I am putty in thy hands. But when thee forbids, thee is barking up the wrong tree.”

Gospel Principle: “Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God” (Matthew 5:9).