

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: STUDY - PEACE (Dr. Richard J. Krejcir)

Questions:

1. Honestly, when was the last time you were in conflict with someone else? Your mother, your spouse, your child, a fellow worker, or a neighbor?
2. Can Peace and Conflict Exist at the same time?

INTRODUCTION

The scriptures tell us we will have conflict, we will bump into each because we have differing desires and resources. Conflicts that lead to tense or broken relationships need fixing. We are told that there are ways to resolve our conflicts that promote _____ and reconciliation.

Is the Character of Peace working in you?

Here is how you can find out. Take a careful look at this character and fruit of Peace from God's most precious Word by examining the passages below.

Now ask yourself:

1. How do I exhibit Peace in my daily life?
2. What can I do to develop a more Peaceful attitude?
3. What blocks the practice of peace in my life?
4. How can I make Peace function better, stronger and faster even in times of uncertainly and stress?

Peace (Isa. 26:3 - 6; Matthew 5:9; John 14:27; 16:33; Rom. 5:1; 12:18 - 18; Colossians 3:15 - 17; Philippians 4:7-8) is _____ and yielding ourselves to the Lord to be in His control, for He is our ultimate peace!

Allowing _____ to be our tone and control our composure. This will be fueled from our harmonious relationship with God to hand over control of our heart, will and mind over to Him. Once we make real peace with God we will be able to make and maintain peace with humanity.

Chaos and _____ are the opposites. This can range from seeking destruction and chaos to being a distrustful and impatient person, which will bring you despair. You will be unable to build positive _____ or handle difficult situations. You will have an "*I must have control*" orientated personality and be unable or unwilling to give yourself to God and serve others.

Positive examples of Peace from Scripture:

Psalm 27:1-6; Luke 1:28-38; 2:25-32; John 14:25-31

Negative examples of Peace from Scripture

2 Sam. 15:1-13; Matt. 2:13-18; 26:69-75; 27:1-7)

Peace for most people can be maintained temporarily, but when the realities of life come upon us, peace can be impossible unless we let God's peace reign in us! When we do not let go of malice, jealousy, and anger, we will blame God and lose our _____ and serenity in Him.

Peace is serenity from the realization that God is in charge and we can _____ because He is in control. Peace is the recognition that our biggest problem has been solved! It is the stillness we have when our trust is in Christ as Lord (**Psalm 46:10**).

Peace enables us to be moved from the stronghold of fear and trepidations into a life of **harmony (Isa. 26:3; II Tim. 1:7)**. When we are on the verge of giving up, or losing our hope, peace can be the _____ to keep us focused on our Heavenly Father, who gives hope and the confidence to keep moving ahead.

Colossians 3:12 - 17:

Clarity of Peace: "Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience", then says they are put together with forgiveness and love, and that they operate in the parameters of peace and _____. Because wisdom and peace promote _____ and love and forgiveness demonstrates this virtue we all need to have.

Peace is a fruit that comes from the tree of _____ that is fruited with wisdom, pruned with virtue, watered with _____ producing the sweet fruits of "*compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience*".

PEACE OR LACK OF IT IN OUR CHURCH!

Do you have peace in your church? If not remember those who sow strife and make _____ in the Church are not doing Christ's work, but are attempting to gratify and promote themselves.

They cause other members to follow them and not Christ! They are usually contentious, _____ people who will cause others to stumble. Therefore, they must be avoided, and _____, which means removing them from fellowship if they continue to sow discord. (Rom. 16: 17-24; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 2 Thess. 3:6; 2 Tim. 3:5; Titus 3:10)