

The Truth Files

Peace in a World of Anxiety

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"The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

Proverbs 29:8 (TLB) – "Fools start fights everywhere while wise men try to keep peace."

Matthew 5:9 (NLT) – "God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God."

Misconceptions about Peacemaking

1. It is not _____.

2. It is not _____.

Working for P.E.A.C.E

1. Prioritize _____.

Matthew 5:23-24 (GNT) – "If you are about to offer your gift to God and you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother..."

Psalms 34:14b (AMP) – "Seek, inquire for, and crave peace and pursue and go after it!"

2. Empathize _____.

1 Peter 3:8 (GW) – "Everyone must live in harmony, be sympathetic, love each other, have compassion, and be humble."

Romans 12:15 (NLT) – "Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep."

Ephesians 4:32 (GW) – "Be kind to each other, sympathetic, forgiving each other as God has forgiven you through Christ."

Galatians 6:2 (NLT) – "Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

Colossians 3:19 (AMP) – "Husbands, love your wives, be affectionate and sympathetic with them, and do not be harsh or bitter or resentful toward them."

Romans 15:2 (TLB) – "We must bear the "burden" of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others – of those who feel these things are wrong. Let's please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord."

Philippians 2:4 (NLT) – "Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."

3. Address _____.

Proverbs 10:10 (NLT) – "A bold reproof promotes peace."

Ephesians 4:15 (GNT) – "By speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ."

Ephesians 4:29 (GNT) – "Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."

4. Cooperate _____.

Romans 12:18 (GNT) – "Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody."

James 3:17 (TLB) – "Wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere."

James 3:18 (TLB) – "Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness."

Psalms 37:37 (NLT) – "A wonderful future awaits those who love peace."

5. Emphasize _____.

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV) – "God has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

2 Corinthians 5:18 (CEV) – "God sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others."

"Let the peace of heart that comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives..."

Colossians 3:15 (TLB)

"Do you want more and more of God's kindness and peace? Then learn to know him better and better."

2 Peter 1:2 (TLB)

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