

Nine Secrets of Healthy Relationships

Peace – Part Four

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) ²² But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.

· Peace does not mean “the absence of tension or conflict” but rather “**_tranquility of order.**”

· **John 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

THREE KINDS OF PEACE

1. Peace with God

· **disobedience** always brings a feeling of disorder to your life

· **Romans 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2. Peace of God

· **_Difficulties** can bring a feeling of disorder to your life, if you look at them with the wrong perspective

· **Philippians 4:6-7** ⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

3. Peace on Earth (with fellow man)

· **_Differences** with others can bring a feeling of disorder to your life, if you see them with the wrong perspective

· **Luke 2:24** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

· **Proverbs 29:8 (LB)** Fools start fights everywhere; wise men try to keep the peace.

· **Matthew 5:9** Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKER (P.E.A.C.E.)

P - Plan a peace conference

Matthew 5:23-24 ²³ So if you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is angry with you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. Make peace with that person, then come back and offer your gift to God.

E - Empathize with their feelings

· **1 Peter 3:8 (NLT)** Finally, all of you should be of one mind, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.

HURT PEOPLE: Hurt People

A - Attack the problem not the person

· **Proverbs 10:10 (NLT)** People who wink at wrong cause trouble, but a bold reproof promotes peace.

· **Ephesians 4:15 (TEV)** Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head.

C - Cooperate as much as possible

· **Romans 12:18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

· **James 3:17 (NLT)** But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere.

E - Emphasize reconciliation not resolution

· **2 Corinthians 5:18** And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.