

YEAR OF GROWTH

PEACE WEEK 4

EXERCISE

How To Grow in Peace:

It is important to understand the meaning of peace and to see examples of this characteristic in Scripture. Yet, it is also important to do the work necessary to have and to develop peace and tranquility. Our focus will be on passages that teach what one must do to have and to grow in peacefulness.

Day One – Sunday

Reflect on the definitions of the words that God used to describe peace. Think back over the previous lessons. Read again the passages that you have written. Recall the verses you have memorized. Focus on the meaning of being peaceful and prepare to exercise in developing this characteristic.

Day Two – Monday

Romans 16:20

God is a God of peace. By giving His people victory over Satan, He provides them peace. When the church follows God, there will be peace rather than disorder, confusion, or instability (1 Cor. 14:33). Thus, Paul prayed for the God of peace to be with all Christians (Rom. 15:33). To be at peace one must be in fellowship with God.

Day Three – Tuesday

Isaiah 9:6-7

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. His reign is one of peace; thus, His kingdom is peaceable. Because He has overcome the world, He is able to provide peace in the midst of hardship and heartache (John 14:27; 16:33). To be at peace one must be in the kingdom (church) of Jesus.

Day Four – Wednesday**Ephesians 6:14-17**

The Gospel of Christ is a message of peace. It is able to make peace between God and man, between men, and even with oneself. To be at peace one must believe and obey the Gospel.

Day Five – Thursday**I Timothy 2:1-4**

The church is a peaceable kingdom, made up of people of peace. The Christian seeks to live a “quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” In fact, Christians follow after and pursue peace (2 Tim. 2:22). To be at peace one must live a faithful Christian life.

Day Six – Friday**Jeremiah 6:14-17**

Peace cannot exist with sin. False teachers told the Israelites that their abominations were nothing to be ashamed of. They proclaimed peace to them when they were in conflict with God. They need to ask for and to walk in the old paths. However, they rejected God’s Word and refused His warnings. To be at peace one must be free from sin.

Day Seven – Saturday**Matthew 10:34-38**

Peace cannot exist with error. Though He is the Prince of Peace, Jesus also came to bring a sword. This means that those who reject His Truth for error will be cut off from Him and from those who are in fellowship with Him. One who is at peace with God cannot be at peace with His enemies. To be at peace one must follow faithfully the will of God.