

How many of you would like to have more peace in your life? For those of you who answered no, please contact me immediately so that you can share your secret with those of us who desperately need more of this fruit in our lives!

I don't know of anyone that doesn't desire peace. One of the greatest blessings that I have experienced in getting closer to God is experiencing His peace in my life. It is so wonderful to know that even through the storms of life, the anchor of God's peace holds firm.

Jesus said in John 14 that He had a special gift that he was leaving His friends. He said, "My Peace I give to you." The Message Bible says it this way "I'm leaving you well and whole. That's My parting gift to you-Peace." In Isaiah 9:6 says that Jesus name would be Prince of Peace. Once again, the Message Bible more fully tells us what that is; He is the Prince of Wholeness. The word wholeness is really what peace is all about. I mean, if you aren't whole and you have pieces missing, how can you really have peace?

Psalm 23:1 states that when the Lord is your shepherd you shall not lack. I don't know about you, but I need some more pieces of God's peace in my life. I'm not to the place that I have peace every moment of every day, but according to God's word it is possible. God doesn't give promises that He isn't able and willing to keep. Jesus promised to leave us His peace so I for one want to know how I can have more of His peace in my life!

The world's way of having peace is to have more. The problem with this is that there never seems to be enough to fill the void that only God's peace can give. True peace is learning to be content with God's provision and His supply. Now that doesn't mean that you have to settle for lack, and it doesn't mean that God will just magically produce everything for you. What it means is that the more you learn to seek God and do His will, the more you can expect Him to supply what you need and His provision always brings peace.

There are many things that try to steal our peace and we must stand guard against them. Anger, bitterness, strife, competition, doubt, fear, worry, greed, laziness, and complacency are just a few of the nasty culprits that try to invade our lives and steal our peace. We must not allow ourselves to succumb to these influences and we must recognize that they are indeed robbers and thieves. Jesus did not allow Himself to be persuaded by man's attitudes and neither should we. He promised that if we believe in Him, we would do greater things than He did (John 14:12). He calmed the storm and brought peace and I believe that it was because He didn't allow the storms to get inside of Him.

So today if you're boat has drifted over into a storm, I pray that you will allow the Peace of God to bring wholeness into your life. Whatever you lack, He will provide. Sometimes His provision comes through a person, an idea, or an opportunity. More often than not there is usually a part for us to do, too. If you are willing and obedient, you will experience a new level of peace and wholeness in your life. Seek peace. Sow peace. And you will receive peace in your life.

Prayer; Dear Lord, thank you that You want my life to be whole and complete. You have promised that I will not lack and that means I will not have anything missing in my life. Forgive me for not being obedient to Your voice and for expecting peace to "just happen" in my life. Help me to seek peace and to give the peace you give me to others. Allow me to be an instrument of Your peace so that wherever and I go and whatever I do, I leave a piece of Your peace behind me. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture References: John 14:27,12; Isaiah 9:6-7; Psalm 23



John 14:27 Peace I give to you. My peace I give to you.