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Finding Peace & Patience

Read [James 3:17-18](#) / [Matthew 5:9](#)



05 / Mon – Peace is possible | Read [John 14:27](#) and [16:33](#)

Peace is the third fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22. It is one of those qualities that stands out in a crazy, stress-filled world. It is possible to experience peace in the middle of conflict. Peace is possible when relationships break down, when you are misunderstood, when life is unfair. It can be maintained even when problems last longer than you think you can endure. Why? Because Jesus gives you *HIS* peace. Where do you need the peace of Jesus applied in your life today?

06 / Tue – The place to start | Read [John 6:14-15](#) / [Colossians 1:19-22](#)

Jesus entered history at a time of significant injustice, tyranny, suffering and despair. The people wanted him to bring political freedom and peace to the nation. But Jesus' purpose was something far more important. He opened the way for them to make peace with the God they had rebelled against. True peace starts here. How have you found peace with God and what changes has that made in your life?

07 / Wed – What are you looking at? | Read [Psalm 4:8](#) / [Isaiah 26:34](#) / [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

Fear is a thief. Anxiety steals your peace of mind, robs you of sleep and can affect your health. Read through some of the ways God has provided by which you can escape the clutches of these enemies. You may have to address these issues repeatedly, but persistence *will* prevail. When you focus on the One who loves you deeply and is with you always, the devil slinks away. What are the truth verses you use to defeat him?

08 / Thu – Peace-keeper or a peace-maker? | Read [Matthew 5:9](#) / [James 3:18](#)

Your example of walking through life's difficulties with peace speaks volumes to those you don't know are watching. As you learn to trust God's promises to care for you and find peace for yourself, it will overflow into stressful situations and bring a contagious calmness to those around you. His peace may prompt you to give a wise response that defuses a situation. With a clear mind, you will see differently and offer new solutions. Where will God use you today as a peace-maker?

09 / Fri – Patience for a reason | Read [1 Timothy 1:16](#) / [2 Peter 3:9, 15](#)

What is the source of patience? It begins with God. He is working out His master plan in a patient manner because He does not want anyone to be lost. God is patient with slow learners who make the same mistakes over and over again. He is patient with those who rage against Him because of hurt over things they don't understand. As you look back over your life, do you see times when God was patient with you? Let that help you deal more patiently with others.

10 / Sat – Worth the wait | Read [Hebrews 6:10-12](#) / [Habakkuk 2:3](#)

Do you ever get impatient with God? One mom of three active little boys taught them that patience is *waiting without whining*. It can be easy to be frustrated when God doesn't answer in the time you feel He should or when justice is slow in coming or the answers to legitimate requests seem to take forever. Patience is possible when you trust that God knows more than you do. Do you believe His heart is good and His plans for you are worth waiting for?