

the appropriate time. (NLT)

7. Re _____ out to others

TODAY SOME WORKS OF PEACE FOR THEM
can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. (NLT)

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others. ^{May God bless you with his special favor and wonderful peace as you come to know Jesus, our God and Lord,} open my heart so that they need not be without help; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so, open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee.

Amen

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That's PEACE

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (NLT)

Born Anew: Turning from self-dependence to dependence on _____

Colossians 1:19-22 For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and by him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of his blood on the cross. This includes you who were once so far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions, yet now he has brought you back as his friends. He has done this through his death on the cross in his own human body. As a result, he has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. (NLT)

Romans 8:6 If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace. (NLT)

John 14:27 I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid. (NLT)

Jehovah _____: The God who brings Peace

Key Understanding: We can't find peace simply by changing our _____ surroundings.

Nehemiah 2:17 & 18 He said to them, "You know full well the tragedy of our city. It lies in ruins, and its gates are burned. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and rid ourselves of this disgrace!" Then they said, "Let's start rebuilding!" So they began to work hard. (NLT)

NOTE: Rebuilding work is _____

STEPS TO EXPERIENCING GOD'S PEACE IN YOUR LIFE

_____ : God doesn't want us to:

Re _____ Re _____ Re _____

1. Re _____ Your Feelings to God

Psalm 18:4-6 *The floods of destruction swept over me. The grave wrapped its ropes around me. Death itself stared me in the face. But in my distress I cried out to the Lord and, I prayed to my God for help. (NLT)*

Psalm 62:8 *Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge. (NLT)*

Philippians 4:6-7 *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (NLT)*

2. Re _____ Bitterness

Key Understanding: There is _____ correlation between life's experiences and _____

Hebrews 12:15 *Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you...it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives. (NLT)*

Key Understanding: Bitterness never changes anything; it only _____ the hurt and _____ our peace

Philippians 3:13-14 *I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race*

and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. (NLT)

Key Understanding: _____ of our past is one of the key components to _____ God's peace

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen

3. Re-_____ what you look to for peace

Key Understanding: Build your life on that which _____ be taken away.

Hebrews 13:5 *Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, I will never fail you. I will never abandon you. (NLT)*

4. Re _____ help and encouragement from others

Key Understanding: Establish _____ now

5. Re _____ on the Lord

Job 22:23 *(The Message) Come back to God almighty and he'll rebuild your life. (NLT)*

6. Re _____ to quit

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 *We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. (NLT)*

Galatians 6:9 *...don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at*