

# **Christian Characteristics**

# **Peacefulness**

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# **1. Define Peacefulness**

**Peacefulness is a state of calm, free from stress, worry or disturbance.**

**Christians strive to seek peace with God and live peacefully with others.**

**Peacefulness emphasizes the importance of seeking peace both within one's own heart and in relationships with others while living in accordance with God's will and the teachings of Jesus Christ.**

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## **The Cambridge Dictionary:**

- 1. A State of being quiet and calm.**
- 2. A State of feeling calm and not being worried.**

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## 1. Peace with God:

This is seen as a foundational element, stemming from a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Obedience to God's commands and living a righteous life are considered essential for experiencing this peace.

## 2. Peace as in God's character:

Jesus is often referred to as "our peace" or "the Prince of Peace," emphasizing that peace originates from God and is a reflection of His character.

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## 3. Peace with Others:

The scriptures encourage Christians to strive for peace and live peaceably with all people, saved and lost. This includes making efforts to resolve conflicts and promote reconciliation.

## 4. Peace as a Fruit of the Spirit:

Peace is listed among the fruit of the Holy Spirit, suggesting that it's a result of living in communion with God and allowing His Spirit to work within one's life.

## 5. Peaceful Living:

Christians are to lead a quiet and peaceable life, avoiding chaos and disorder, and focusing on living in accordance with God's will.

2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Peacefulness” and explain the verses.

## John 14:27

27 “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

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## Phil. 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Peacefulness” in the Old Testament.

#### 1 Kings 11:11-17

11 So He said, “Go forth and stand on the mountain before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord; *but* the Lord *was* not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, *but* the Lord *was* not in the earthquake.

12 After the earthquake a fire, *but* the Lord *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing.

13 When Elijah heard *it*, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice *came* to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

### 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Peacefulness” in the Old Testament.

#### **1 Kings 11:11-17 Cont.**

14 Then he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”

15 The Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram;

16 and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

17 “It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.

#### 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Peacefulness” in the New Testament.

### **Acts 16:13-15**

13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

14 A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

## 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Peacefulness”?

To display a Christ-like attitude through peacefulness Christians should:

1. Cultivate inner qualities of peace
2. Practice peaceful actions.

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### 1. Cultivate Inner qualities of peace:

- A. Trust in God’s goodness
- B. Focus on God
- C. Spend time with God
- D. Confess your sins and seek forgiveness
- E. Develop spiritual disciplines
- F. Display patience and perseverance
- G. Let the Holy Spirit guide you

# 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Peacefulness”?

## 2. Practice peaceful actions:

- A. Forgive others
- B. Seek reconciliation
- C. Bear one another's burdens
- D. Do not return evil for evil
- E. Live at peace with everyone
- F. Focus on edifying others
- G. Serve others

6. How do you grow in “Peacefulness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Peacefulness” to others?

Christians can grow in peacefulness by deepening their relationship with God through prayer, studying the Bible and actively practicing forgiveness and gratitude.

Christians can find peace by trusting in God's sovereignty, managing stress, and seeking reconciliation in relationships.

6. How do you grow in “Peacefulness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Peacefulness” to others?

**Christians can demonstrate**  
**“Peacefulness” to others by:**

- A. Embracing love and compassion
- B. Practicing forgiveness and reconciliation
- C. Living with humility