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Matthew 5:14-16 MSG

You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

John 14:27 NLT

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

OUR PEACE IS INSTRUMENTAL TO OUR WITNESS

Acts 9:31 ESV

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

John 16:33 ESV

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

WRONG THINKING AND WRONG FEELING DESTROY OUR PEACE

Romans 15:13 NLT

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE PEACE OF GOD GUARDS OUR HEARTS AND OUR MINDS

1.

Philippians 4:4-9 ESV

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests **be made known to God**. And the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your **hearts** and your **minds** in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, **think** about these things. What you have **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **seen** in me—**practice** these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

CULTIVATE THE CONDITIONS OF PEACE:

1. **RIGHT PRAYING**

Hebrews 5:7 ESV

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Daniel 6:10-11 ESV

10 When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. 11 Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God.

Daniel 6:18 ESV

Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

2. **RIGHT THINKING**

Isaiah 26:3 ESV

You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.

2 Corinthians 10:5b NIV

...we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Psalms 119:165 ESV

Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.

3. RIGHT LIVING**Isaiah 32:17 ESV**

And the effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 ESV

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

James 1:22 NLT

22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.