

RELATIONAL PEACE

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Peace on Earth Part 1

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"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Luke 2:13 (NLT)

1. Learn to be _____

A gossip goes around revealing secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence. Proverbs 11:13 (NLT)

I am afraid that I will find you quarreling, and envying each other, and being angry with each other, and acting big, and saying wicked things about each other, and whispering behind each other's backs. 2 Corinthians 12:20 (TLB)

2. Learn to be _____

Instead, we will speak the truth in love... . Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

An honest answer is a sign of true friendship. Proverbs 24:26 (GN)

Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal. Proverbs 12:18 (GN)

3. Learn to be _____

Don't just pretend that you love others. Really love them... . Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Romans 12:9-10 (NLT)

We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display... . 2 Corinthians 4:2 (TM)

4. Learn to be _____

You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 (TLB)

[Love] keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)

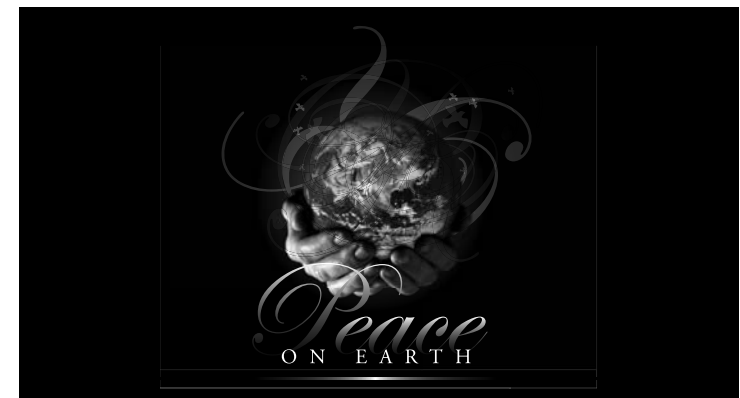
5. Learn to be _____

Serve each other in humility, for "God opposes the proud but favors the humble." 1 Peter 5:5 (NLT)

Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourselves as wise. Romans 12:16 (GN)

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:4, Proverbs 3:34 (NIV)

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)



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