

TWO FORGOTTEN VIRTUES PEACE & HOLINESS

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- (1) **PEACE**
- (2) **HOLINESS**

THE PURSUIT OF PEACE

(1) THE REALITY:

Matthew 12:14, John 5:18 & John 7:1/ 2 Corinthians 11:24-27/ Hebrews 11:35-39

- There's no way we can be at peace **WITH EVERYONE**

(2) THE KEY QUESTION:

Matthew 5:9/ Romans 14:19/ Romans 12:18/ Matthew 7:12/ Proverbs 15:1

- Is not, "Does everyone **LIKE ME?**"
It's, "Have I genuinely **PURSUED PEACE?**"

(3) AT HOME:

1 Corinthians 13:4-6/ Proverbs 19:11

- Stop **KEEPING SCORE**

(4) AT CHURCH:

Ephesians 4:3/ Colossians 3:12-15/ Matthew 7:1-5/ Proverbs 26:17

- Don't expect everyone to **KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW**
- Don't try to fix **EVERYTHING** and **EVERYONE**

(5) IN THE MARKETPLACE & SOCIETY:

1 Corinthians 5:9-13/ Titus 3:1-5/ Romans 5:8-10/ 2 Timothy 2:24-28/ Romans 12:19-21

- Don't expect non-Christians to **LIVE LIKE CHRISTIANS**
- Treat your enemies like Jesus **TREATED HIS ENEMIES**

Food for Thought for the week of June 24, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Daniel is a great example of someone who had to figure out how to live at peace in the midst of a Babylonian culture that was not only vastly different than his own, but outright hostile to his faith. King Nebuchadnezzar's plan was to assimilate Daniel and his friends into the Babylonian culture, customs and religion. As you read the first chapter of Daniel, jot down what you notice about how Daniel and his friends responded to the pressure to conform, and maintained their peace.

2. Three of Daniel's friends were faced with the kind of situation that could easily have caused them to lose their inner peace and doubt God's care for them. They were told to either worship an idol or be thrown into a blazing furnace. What do you learn about maintaining peace from their experience in [Daniel 3:8-30](#)?

What would you say to someone who wanted to experience the same kind of peace as these three guys?

3. Larry mentioned several areas in which we need to make every effort to pursue peace with everyone. Write down anything you can think of that would help you in your effort to live at peace with the people in each of the areas below.

Family

Work

Church

Community