

Peace in Your Home

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...until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Peace in the Home

- God's plan is for our homes to be places of peace and purpose.
- The home is the first institution of human society.
- The Christian home has potential to bless all of society.
- It is hard to maintain your Christian walk when there is conflict in the home.

The Growing Number of Single Homes

- In USA in 1950 9% lived alone, today 28% live alone.
- In USA 1990, 65% said that children are very important to a successful marriage. In 2012, only 41 % agreed.
- In Scandinavia, 40 to 45 % of people live alone.
- In Spain, the number of births per year is now lower than it was in the 18th century.
- 30% of German women do not intend to have children.

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- **A majority of Taiwanese women under fifty do not want children.**
- **In 35 years, fertility rates in Brazil have dropped from 4.3 babies per woman to 1.9 babies per woman.**

The Single Person's Home

- The place you live is still your home.
- The biblical principles that apply to other homes also apply to yours.
- Your home needs to be a place of purpose, peace, hope, life, and love.

1. The Power of Peace

- **The Christian Home has unlimited potential to impact this world for Christ.**
- **From creation God intended the human home be a place of peace that would bless the world.**
- **In Isaiah 32, when God prophesied a time of unparalleled peace in the world, He focused especially on the home.**

The Peace of Christ

- “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts” (Colossian 3:15).
- Let the reality of the undeserved grace of God in Christ, and the peace it brings put everything else in your life into its proper perspective.
- Practice the peace of Christ in your home and you can impact the whole world.

2. The Portrait of Peace

- Isaiah 32:17-18
- “Peace” - *Shalom* in Hebrew.
- *Shalom* is usually translated “peace,” but it means also “wholeness, purpose, blessing, goodness, prosperity, and security.”

Tim Keller on *Shalom*

“If I threw a thousand threads onto the table, they wouldn't be a fabric. They'd just be threads lying on top of each other. Threads become a fabric when each one has been woven over, under, around, and through every other one. The more interdependent they are, the more beautiful they are. The more interwoven they are, the stronger and warmer they are. God made the world with billions of entities, but he didn't make them to be an aggregation. Rather, he made them to be in a beautiful, harmonious, knitted, webbed, interdependent relationship with one another.”

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- We have turned our homes into places of entertainment and self-indulgence.
- God’s plan is that the home is a place of Christian mission and witness.

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- “Result of righteousness” or “Labor of righteousness”
- “Quietness” – an absence of distraction
- “Trust” or “Safety”
- “Peaceful” – complete, nothing missing
- “Secure” – Confident
- “Quiet resting places” - rejuvenation

Resting Place - *Menuchah*

- “Comfort” - where you can relax and regain strength as the new person you are in Christ.
- The word was used often: “He leads me beside quiet waters” (Psalm 23:2).
- “They have not known ways, therefore ... they shall not enter my rest” (Psalm 95:10-11).
- The temple was described as “a house of rest for the Ark of the Covenant” (1 Chr. 18:2).

3. The Problem of Peace

- **Someone is always out to destroy peace.**
- **“If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand” (Mark 3:25).**
- **A divided house: two separate sets of blueprints; a person with a double life; a divided heart.**
- **“Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name” (Psa. 86:11).**

Peace in Your Home

- Let the theme of your home be the redemptive love and grace of God.
- Protect the best that God is doing in your life, not the worst that the world is seeking to do.
- Forgiveness, grace, patience, and kindness are essential elements to maintain peace.
- Let your home be a place where you are comforted and rejuvenated spiritually.
- Let your home be a place of mission for Christ.