

2 Thessalonians 3:12 Now those who are that way, we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

Is there quietness in politics? Do politician work hard with their own hands or somebody else hands? Do sales people work hard with their own hands and eat their own bread or someones else bread from their hard work, which they are tying to get some of?

2Cor.4:2. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor falsifying the word of God, but by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience before God.

1 Corinthians 4:12 We toil, working with our own hands. When people curse us, we bless. Being persecuted, we endure.

Ephesians 4:28 Let him who stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need.

Titus 2:8 and soundness of speech that can't be condemned; that he who opposes you may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say about us.

Proverbs 12:11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread, but he who chases fantasies is void of understanding.

You see, to exhort someone is really a powerful word, it not just a suggestion, but lets us note exhort them "in" who? In the Lord Jesus Christ. Now the apostle Paul did not say exhort them in God, or from the bible, but note please in Jesus Christ!

Romans 6:11 Thus consider yourselves also to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. {NU omits "who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit"}

Our we in Christ or into our work, our career, into our bibles, or into the commandments, or our we in Christ, but why is this important? Well, how much peace do we have in our careers, politics, in our religion?

2 John 1:3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

These questions are important because those in Christ, that is, his life are in God's peace. Yes, it true, peace comes from God's love, and Christ is God's love too us, and that is the reason the mark of truth is love, and peace.

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, our Lord Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all.

Peace is not disquietude, peace by definition means living in quietness, does it not? Now why would Paul limit what we should work at? Well, for those not having peace it seems like Paul is setting a law, a commandment upon them, but is he?

No he is not, and do you know why? Because there is no law against love, and the fruit of love which is called the fruit of Holy Spirit, so if one is in Christ there are no laws of the flesh. There is only the fruit of Holy Spirit because God is love, and peace come from what?

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, {or, faithfulness} 5:23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Gal.5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Subsequently, Paul is saying if we want the peace of God found in Christ, that is, we should ask ourselves why we don't have peace, why are we confused in this matter, its because we are trying to get ahead just like the world. In other words, where is the fruit of peace where is our treasure at, is it in getting ahead or in the life Christ that we are in?

John 14:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive; for it doesn't see him, neither knows him. You know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you.

James 4:4 You adulterers and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

So here is the problem some us think that light can be darkness, what we honestly can't understand is in light there is not darkness, or let us put it another way. In God, who Christ himself is in, there can't be a lack of peace, it does not exist!

It is our problem that all it can be, and Paul in Christ with the Holy Spirit is telling us stop fooling ourselves because our heart is greedy for the things of this world, and our fleshly mind is justifying it by usig of the bible and by comparing ourselves against other

successful people calling themselves Christian in Christ that are of this world, but the truth that cannot be denied if they lack the of peace of God in them?

You see if we are in Christ we know our fleshly mind is a liar, and we know that its very nature is going to justify itself, by telling others and acting like we have this great peace in us, so we can justify what we are doing in our flesh. In other words, that flesh hates looking bad, but in Christ we have no judgment of our flesh so we tell the truth on it when it lies and gets proud.

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding.

James. 4:1 Where do wars and fightings among you come from? Don't they come from your pleasures that war in your members?

4:2 You lust, and don't have. You kill, covet, and can't obtain. You fight and make war. You don't have, because you don't ask.

4:3 You ask, and don't receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it for your pleasures.

The real question is, do we love truth more than ourselves? What we are not saying is this that so many justify themselves in saying: "I don't want to stumble others so I will deny the war with in the flesh against the Spirit!"

James. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed. 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

3:18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

How can those in Christ deny the truth, if Christ is our truth and lives in us? Love is not about stopping people from doing things, love is about speaking truth, which is speaking Christ our truth we live in.

Romans 15:18 For I will not dare to speak of any things except those which Christ worked through me, for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deed.

1 Corinthians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things.

2 Corinthians 2:17 For we are not as so many, peddling the word of God. But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, we speak in Christ.

God wants us to have peace because he is love, should he lie too us in saying pursue the world, and love it? I would think not what he is saying: "I have given you the truth, it is in you, and you in it, Christ Jesus, what do you need more of than the truth in you?"

1 John 2:27 As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you don't need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you will remain in him.

Work is good, it can bring us peace and quietness if we work with our own hands, that is, not trying to build a corporate business where we work with others peoples hands, which in this world will bring all the problems of this world into our lives, in a world the bible calls a wicked sea that cannot calm down. Let us remember for what good we do it will not give us peace, it is the peace of God that fills our hearts because we have Christ life in us, which means his works our justified not ours!

Isaiah 48:18 Oh that you had listened to my commandments! then had your peace been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea:

Isaiah 57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it can't rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt.

God is not specifying the type of work we do, what he is saying; is the less of this world we have in us the better off we are going to be, because the more of Christ life will be found in us giving us greater peace. In that we will always have food, we will have peace, and something we can give to others in need. In other words, we will have what is needed for the day so then we will not be planing ahead for years to come in going to city after city to do business to get ahead, which then becomes more and more important until we can't live without a certain life style.

1 Timothy 6:8 But having food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Hebrews 13:5 Be free from the love of money, content with such things as you have, for he has said, "I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you."{Deuteronomy 31:6}

James.4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow let's go into this city, and spend a year there, trade, and make a profit."

4:14 Whereas you don't know what your life will be like tomorrow. For what is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. 4:15 For you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will both live, and do this or that."

4:16 But now you glory in your boasting. All such boasting is evil.

4:17 To him therefore who knows to do good, and doesn't do it, to him it is sin.

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