

2. IS PERSONAL PEACE POSSIBLE? 2

THREE SOURCES OF TENSION IN OUR LIVES:

1. When we can't control our circumstances.
2. When we can't change certain people.
3. When we can't explain our problems.

Jehovah Shalom = "I am the God of Peace"

"I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid."

John 14:27 (LB)

PRINCIPLES THAT WILL PRODUCE PEACE IN YOUR LIFE:

1. **Accept what cannot be changed!** (2 Samuel 12:15-23 & Philippians 4:11-13)

The Serenity Prayer

2. _____ **in God's loving care.**

"You, Lord, give true peace to those who depend on You because they trust you." Isaiah 26:3 (NCV)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

"Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7 (LB)

WHAT WE
NEED
MOST

3. _____ **to God's loving control.**

"If people's thinking is controlled by the sinful self, there is death. But if their thinking is controlled by the Spirit, there is life and peace." Romans 8:6 (NCV)

"Those who love your teaching will find true peace, and nothing will defeat them." Psalm 119:165 (NCV)

"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."

Romans 5:1 (NLT)

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New Century Version (NCV); The Living Bible (LB); The Message Paraphrase (MSG).

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