

PART 3 // PEACE NO MATTER WHAT

(Philippians 1:9-11) And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.

✓ We need the _____.

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(James 4:14) What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

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(Philippians 4:6-9) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

1. Have I presented _____ to God?

(Matthew 5:5) Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

(Psalm 37:11) But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.

2. What _____ my mind?

(Isaiah 26:3) You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

(Lamentations 3:19-23) I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

3. Am I _____ God's Word?

(Psalm 119:165) Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

(Matthew 7:24-25) Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

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