

THE BETTER LIFE OF PEACE

Living the Better Life Part 5 of 5

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” – Matthew 5:43-44

“If you see your enemy hungry, go buy him lunch; if he’s thirsty, bring him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness and God will look after you.” – Proverbs 25:21-22

“Joy fills hearts that are planning peace.” – Proverbs 12:20

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

Benefits of Loving Our Enemies

1. There’s a _____ benefit.

“A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.” – Proverbs 14:30

2. There’s a _____ benefit.

“For as a person thinks within himself, so he is.” – Proverbs 23:7

3. There’s a _____ benefit.

“Overlook an offense and bond a friendship; fasten on to a slight and – goodbye, friend!” – Proverbs 17:9

4. There’s a _____ benefit

“But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” – Matthew 6:15

“The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed....” – Proverbs 11:25

5. There’s a _____ benefit.

“If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that.... You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it.... Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.” – Matthew 5:46-48

The P-E-A-C-E Process

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” – Romans 12:18

Step #1: _____

*“God...closely attends to the prayers of God-loyal people.”
Proverbs 15:29*

“...Pray for those who mistreat you.” – Luke 6:28

Step #2 _____

“Never seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone, but love your neighbor as yourself.” – Leviticus 19:18

Step #3: _____

“...Do good to those who hate you....” – Luke 6:27

“If you see your enemy hungry, go buy him lunch; if he’s thirsty, bring him a drink....” – Proverbs 25:21 (The Message)

“Bless those who curse you....” – Luke 6:28

Step #4: _____

*“Who can say, ‘I have cleansed my heart; I am pure and free from sin?’”
– Proverbs 20:9*

“He who conceals his sins does not prosper....” – Proverbs 28:13

Step #5: _____

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” – Ephesians 5:1-2

“When the ways of people please the Lord, He makes even their enemies live at peace with them.” – Proverbs 16:7

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