

Live Peaceably (Part 2)

What happens when a believer strives to live peaceably with all men?

First, living peaceably enhances our Christian _____.

1. Unity is an essential element in our Christian witness. When peace and unity characterize our relationships with other people, we show that God is _____ in our lives.
2. Our Christian witness depends greatly on our commitment to deal faithfully with unresolved _____.
 - *“We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.” 1 John 4:19-21*

Second, living peaceably defeats _____.

1. *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” 1 Peter 5:8*
2. Satan takes advantage of unresolved _____ (Ephesians 4:26-27) and unforgiveness (2 Corinthians 2:10-11). Unforgiveness is said to be one of his _____.

Third, living peaceably always requires _____.

1. Peace will not _____ follow us. This is why the Bible commands us to **seek** peace, and **pursue** it.
2. The apostle Paul strongly admonishes the church in Ephesians 4:1-3 to actively seek to promote peace in their relationships with one another.
3. Harmonious relationships _____ God, but unresolved conflict grieves the Spirit of God. Ephesians 4:29-31
4. Like everything else, relationships will naturally _____ and deteriorate unless every effort is made to maintain and build them.