



ReGift the Giver of Peace

Lesson 2

The Gift of Peace and the Giver of Peace, *Which Is Better?*

- The **GIVER** is *always better* than the gift!

“for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17



“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

“Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.” Romans 15:33

“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.” Romans 16:20

“Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.” 2Corinthians 13:11

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1Thessalonians 5:23

“Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” Hebrews 13:20-21

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;” 2Peter 1:2

- It's best to have a **RELATIONSHIP** with the God of peace, so you can always receive the gift of peace and regift the Giver of peace to others!

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2

ReGifting the Giver of Peace, *Why Should I Bother?*

- Those far from God are watching our lives! They want to see if there is a difference in our lives as Christians! They want to know what difference does it make in your life when things are tough! Are they seeing the God of Peace in our lives?

How to ReGift the Giver of Peace

Philippians 4:8-9

1. **MEDIATE** on the Best Things. (8)

Observations About Meditation

- 1) Worry is a *negative form* of mediation.
- 2) New age or Eastern mediation is *not meditation* at all.
- 3) Biblical meditation is a *positive form* of worrying.

WHAT Are “These Things”?

WHERE Did Paul Get “These Things”?

WHY Did Paul Use “these things”?

So HOW Should We Think About “These Things”?

“These Things” Are Some of God’s Best Things to Mediate On

- **Whatever** is TRUE *Whatever is true and real vs lies and false reality*
- **Whatever** is HONORABLE *Whatever is worthy of honor and respect vs out-of-control and undisciplined*
- **Whatever** is RIGHT *Whatever is right, just, and fair vs unrighteous, unjust, and unfair*
- **Whatever** is PURE *Whatever is holy in the sight of God vs impure, filthy, and sinful*
- **Whatever** is LOVELY *Whatever beautiful and vs hatred and rejection*
- **Whatever** is of GOOD REPUTE *Whatever is worthy of praise vs criticism and complaining*

“These Things” Are the “Best Things” with Two Qualifiers

- **If there is any EXCELLENCE** *Anything that promotes exceptional moral character that reflects God’s image vs making one less like God and marring His image in us! 1Peter 2:9; 2Peter 1:3-5*
- **And if anything WORTHY OF PRAISE** *Anything that is worthy of praise before God vs anything worthy of shame in His presence!*

2. IMITATE the Right Things. (9)

- Follow the *right* **PATTERN**. *Philippians 3:17; 1Corinthians 4:16; 1Thessalonians 1:6; 1Corinthians 11:1; 2Timothy 3:10*
- Invest in the *right* **PROCESS**.

THE THINGS YOU HAVE...		
Process	Result	Scripture
SEEN in me relationally	IMITATION	Phil 3:17; 1 Cor 4:16; 11:1; 1Thess 1:6; 2Tim 3:10-11
HEARD from me to obey	APPLICATION	Hearing is believing and obeying in those who are saved. 1Thess 2:13; 2Tim 2:2; Rom 10:17
RECEIVED as from the Lord	TRANSFORMATION	1Thess 2:13; 4:1-2; 2Thess 3:6; Gal 1:9, 12; Col 2:6; 1Cor 15:1-3; 11:23
LEARNED through experience	REPRODUCTION	Word for “learned” is related to being a disciple who learns to follow and reproduce in others. 2Tim 3:10; Matt 28:19
...KEEP ON PUTTING THESE THINGS INTO PRACTICE!		

- Practice these things for the *right* **PURPOSE**.

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As We Walk with the God of Peace through All Things, We Can ReGift the Giver of Peace to Others!

“...and the God of peace will be with you.” (4:9)

Isaiah 41:10 Was the Most Popular Bible verse on the YouVerse Bible App in 2018

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

Because the **Peace of God** protects those who **pray about all these things**. 4-7)

Because the **God of Peace** is present with those who **put all these things into practice**. (8- 9)