

A Christian Ambition: Lead a Quiet and Peaceful Life

Selected Scriptures

1. **The Prayer for a Peaceful Life** (1 Tim 2:1-2)

Christians are people who have experienced true peace with God as a gift of His mercy (John 14:27; Rom. 5:1). We are also instructed to be at peace with one another (Mk. 9:50; 1 Thess. 5:13). Knowing that this is God's will for the Christian life, believers are to pray to this end (1 Tim. 2:1-2). We are to be continually mindful of the social and political situation of our time so that we can pray for our rulers so that we would be able to experience a peaceful life.

2. **The Practice of a Peaceful Life** (1 Thess 4:9-12)

One of Paul's life ambitions was to preach Christ where people had never heard of Him (Rom. 15:20), and this was his regular practice in ministry. Christians are to strive to do all things to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31) so as to be pleasing to Him (2 Cor. 5:9) as well as endeavoring to live in such a way so as not to disturb the order of society (1 Thess. 4:11). These goals for our conduct are to be properly considered in every decision that we make.

3. **The Person of a Peaceful Life** (Matt 11:29; 1 Pet. 3:4)

One of the character traits of Jesus Christ that was on display during His ministry was His gentleness (Matt 11:29). This is an attribute that He said would characterize those who inherit the earth (Matt. 5:5). One of the fruit of the ways in which godliness is manifested in the life of the believer is a meek or gentle spirit (Gal. 5:23; 1 Pet. 3:4). Christians are to be characterized by living in a way that is conducive to a peaceful and quiet life (Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; Heb. 12:14).