

#### HOW DO I REDUCE THE STRESS IN MY LIFE?

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Peace of mind makes the body healthy. (Proverbs 14:30 TEV)

## **7 SPIRITUAL HABITS THAT REDUCE STRESS**

PSALM 23

## 1. I LOOK TO GOD TO MEET ALL MY NEEDS.

The Lord is my shepherd, so I have <u>all I need</u>. (Psalm 23:1)

Since God did not spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us, won't he also surely give us everything else we need? (Romans 8:32 LB)

## 2. I OBEY GOD'S INSTRUCTION ABOUT REST.

He <u>makes me lie down</u>... (Psalm 23:2a)

Six days are set aside for work, but <u>every seventh day you must rest completely</u>, even during your seasons of plowing and harvest, you must observe a <u>Sabbath day</u> <u>of rest</u>. (Exodus 34:21)

## 3. I RECHARGE MY SOUL WITH BEAUTY.

He makes me lie down in <u>lush green meadows</u> and leads me beside <u>calm, quiet</u> <u>waters</u>. He restores my soul. (Psalm 23:2-3a)

You'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly. (Philippians 4:8 MSG)

# 4. I GO TO GOD FOR GUIDANCE.

He guides me in the right paths for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:3)

## 5. I TRUST GOD IN THE DARK VALLEYS.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

When I am ready to give up, he knows what I should do. (Psalm 142:3 TEV)

## 6. I LET GOD BE MY DEFENDER.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, and you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (Psalm 23:5)

How I love you, Lord! You are my **defender**, my **protector**, and my **strong fortress**. In you I am safe. You protect me like a shield. (Psalm 18:1-2)

#### 7. I EXPECT GOD TO FINISH WHAT HE STARTS IN ME.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)

Jesus: "<u>COME</u> to me, all you that are weary and are <u>carrying heavy burdens</u>, and I will give you rest. <u>TAKE</u> my yoke upon you and <u>LEARN</u> from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will <u>find rest for your souls</u>. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 RSV)

• When I'm "yoked" with Christ, we move together in the same **<u>DIRECTION</u>** and the same **<u>SPEED</u>**.