

# ***Holiday Peace***

## ***A Strategy for Making Peace***

### ***James 3:13-18***

#### **STUDY GUIDE**

***John 14:27 (ESV) — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.***

### ***1. Devote to a meek CHARACTER through heavenly WISDOM***

***James 3:13–16 (ESV) — Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.***

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#### ➤ ***HUMILITY before the Lord***

***Proverbs 9:10a (NLT) — Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom...***

***Proverbs 11:2 (NLT) — 2 Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.***

#### ➤ ***HONESTY about Ourselves***

***1 Corinthians 1:30 (ESV) — And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God...***

***Colossians 3:16a (ESV) — Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...***

#### ➤ ***HEARING from the Lord***

***James 1:5 (ESV) — If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.***

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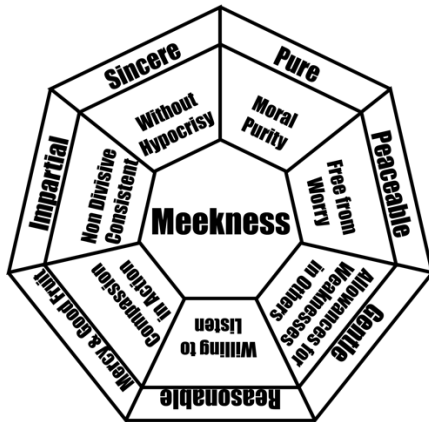
➤ **Meekness is not WEAKNESS, but STRENGTH under CONTROL!**

What did Jesus say...

**Matthew 5:5 (ESV) — Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**

## **2. Demonstrate our pure CONDUCT through a holy WALK**

**James 3:17 (ESV) — But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.**



**Matthew 5:8 (ESV) — Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

**2 Peter 2:21 (NLT) — It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life.**

**Philippians 4:6–7 (ESV) — Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**James 1:19–20 (NLT) — Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.**

**1 John 3:18 (ESV) — Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.**

**Proverbs 28:21 (NLT) — Showing partiality is never good, yet some will do wrong for a mere piece of bread.**

## **3. Develop peaceful CONDITIONS by being a helpful WITNESS**

**James 3:18 (ESV) — And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.**

➤ **CHECK the clutter**

**Acts 24:16 (NLT) — I always try to maintain a clear conscience before God and all people.**

➤ **CREATE the climate**

➤ **CULTIVATE the relationship**

**2 Peter 3:14 (NLT) — And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.**

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