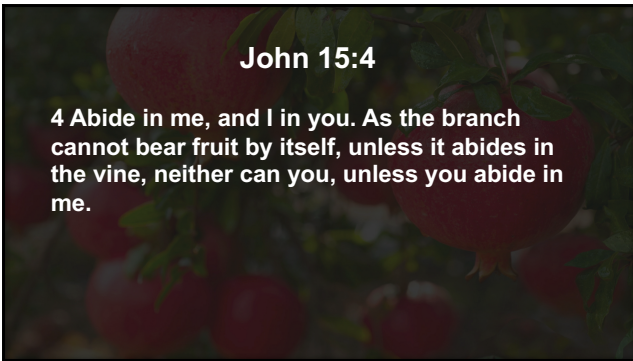
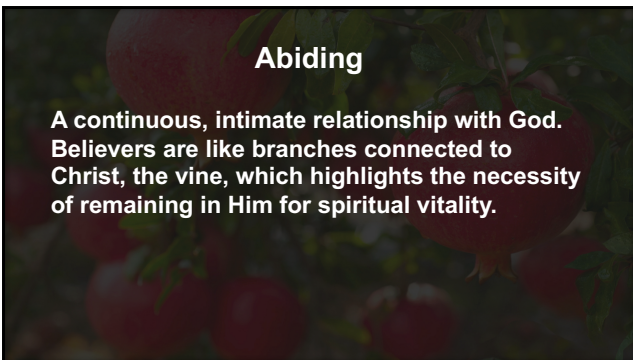




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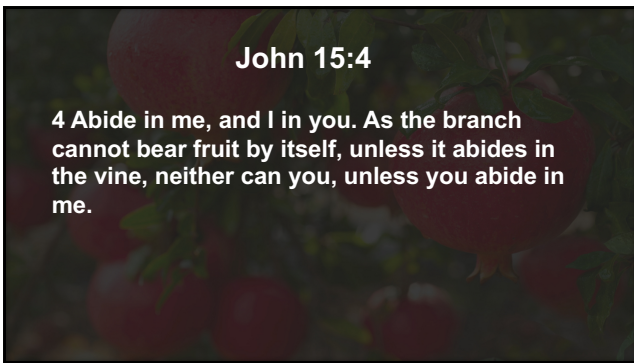
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Fruit of Spirit and Acts of The Flesh		
Acts of Flesh	Source	Fruit of Spirit
Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Debauchery, Orgies, Drunkenness	Body	Joy Self-Control
Idolatry, Witchcraft	Spirit	Faithfulness Goodness
Hatred, Fits of Rage	Soul	Love Gentleness
Selfish Ambition, Jealousy, Envy, Discord, Dissensions, Factions	Soul	Peace Patience Kindness

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Peace

quiet rest of spirit and soul nourished by the presence of Christ

Opposites:
Hurried, troubled, anxious, turmoil

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Philippians 4:6

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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Philippians 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Guard

phouréō, froo-reh'-o; to be a watcher in advance, i.e. to mount guard as a sentinel (post spies at gates); to hem in, [surround] protect:—keep (with a garrison).

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Guard what?

Guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

Guard why?

The Holy Spirit operates by faith in the midst of peace

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Isaiah 57:20-21

20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. 21 There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

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Why Is Practicing Peace Important?

Daniel 8:25
...by peace he shall destroy many...

Luke 21:26
people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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No Peace - Discontent

Selfish Ambition, Jealousy, Envy

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James 3:16

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

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Discontent Makes Men Poor

Content makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor.

- Benjamin Franklin

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Ambition

- 1. An eager or strong desire to achieve something, such as fame or power.
- 2. The object or goal desired.
- 3. Desire for exertion or activity; energy.

Selfish Ambition

Godly Ambition

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Selfish Ambition

Selfish ambition is defined in the Bible as being primarily concerned with one's own interests and welfare over the good of others. It is considered a negative trait that leads to disorder and conflict, as highlighted in James 3:14-16, where it is described as earthly and unspiritual.

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Godly Ambition

Godly ambition is defined as a strong desire to achieve goals that align with God's will, focusing on serving others and glorifying God rather than pursuing selfish interests.

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Contentment Brings Peace

The Biblical solution to discontent is contentment brought on by supernatural peace

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Philippians 4:11-13

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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Content

autárkēs, contented:—content.

- 1. sufficient for one's self, strong enough or possessing enough to need no aid or support
- 2. independent of external circumstances
- 3. contented with one's lot, with one's means, though the slenderest

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Ataraxia (noun)

- 1. Perfect peace of mind, or calmness.
- 2. A pleasure that comes when the mind is at rest.

Achieving ataraxia is a supreme goal for the ancient Greek philosophies of Pyrrhonism, Epicureanism, and Stoicism.

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Peace - Contentment

The Apostle Paul declared that he had discovered the secret to Ataraxia (internal peace, satisfaction, contentment) that Greek philosophers have been seeking for centuries

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John 15:4

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

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