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Charles Stanley's Life Principle #12

Peace with God is the fruit of oneness with God.

PRAYER FOCUS: _____

Peace – A Gift from God (Consider: Real vs Diet Coke)

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 14:27

Peace is God's gift to you!! However, you cannot have peace apart from a close, intimate relationship with God. The truth substantially saturated in our hearts and lives is what allows us to receive this gift God has given to us. His truth keeps us stable and away from worrying in our lives. If our heart is saturated with the world or our own rationalizations, then we will be tossed around by this world and never receive the benefit of God's gift of peace.

God's Peaceful Truths

Isaiah 26:3, 12 -

Psalms 4 -

David had many enemies. It is difficult to imagine him getting a good night's sleep. However, David knew that he could rely upon God for his safety and peace. This is the result of his faithful walk with the Lord. David was committed to obeying God and keeping his focus continually on Him. Because of that David had peace, even in the worst situations.

Your anxiety is a telltale sign that your focus isn't where it should be. Instead of rejoicing in the strength, wisdom, and love of God, you've allowed your attention to be consumed by the details of your circumstances. You are so busy trying to figure out how to fix your situation that you've forgotten that the only effective solution is to submit yourself to God. As Jesus said, *“I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”* (John 16:33)

Therefore, you must learn to think differently, or as Romans 12:2 instructs, *“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”* The most important thing is to begin every day by reading God's Word and spending time in prayer. Your time with God will give you the direction, strength, and focus that you need and will fill you with the assurance that your heart yearns for.

- Charles Stanley (30 Life Principles Study Guide)