

# The Christian calling demands a corresponding conduct in daily life.

The challenge for the Christian is
to live in a manner consistent with
our calling in Christ.



## 8 Secrets of Spiritual Success



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is The Kingdom of Heaven..."



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."



"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."



"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."



"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."



"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

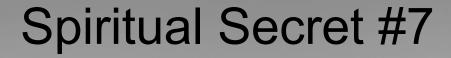


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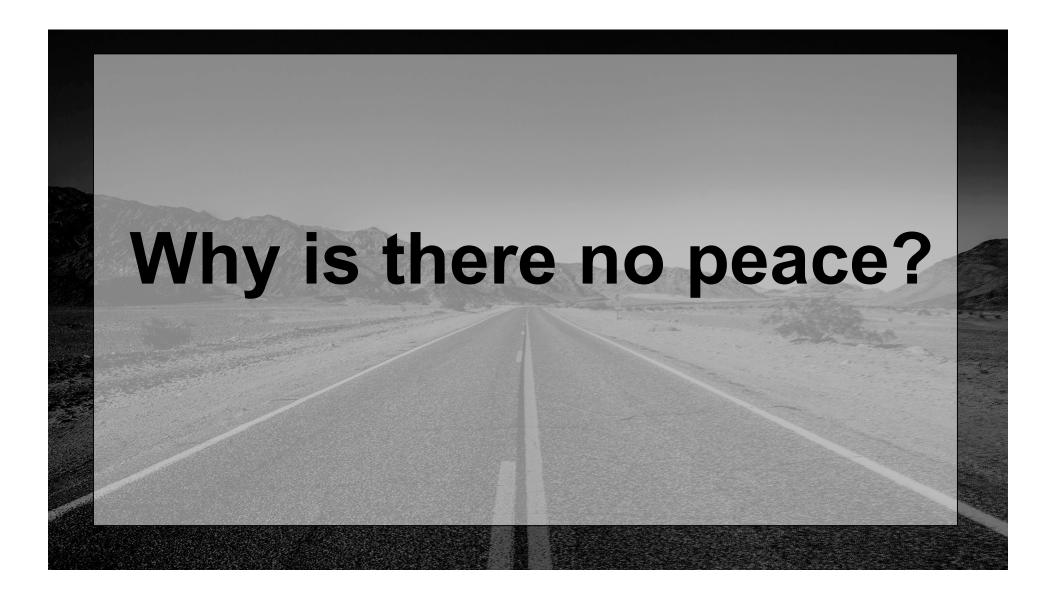
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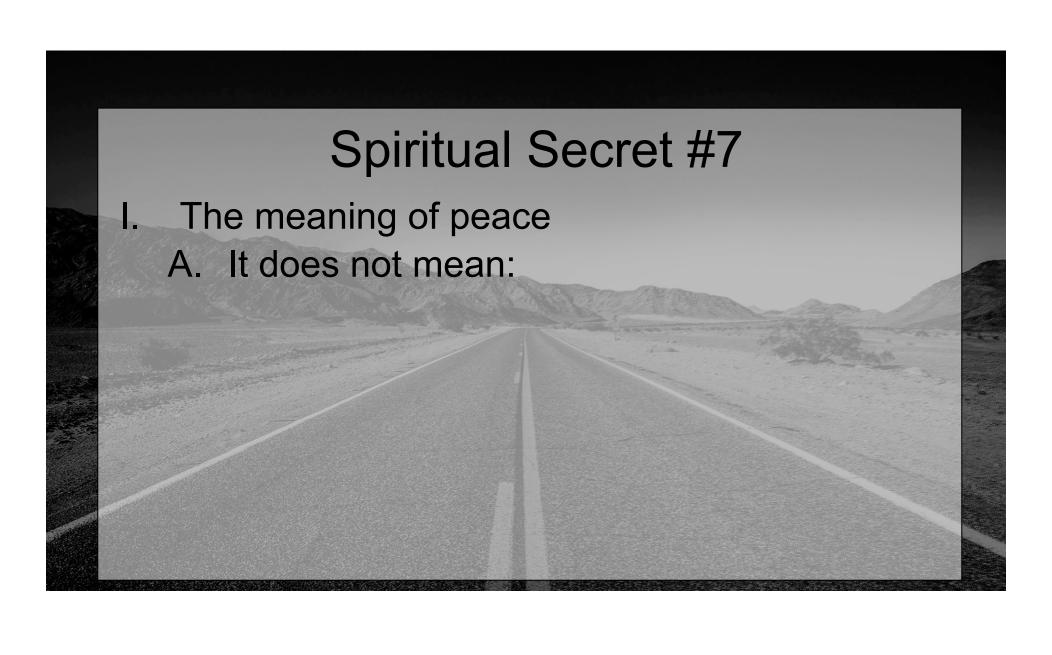
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."

- We as followers of Christ, are called to be peacemakers!
- The peace we can offers is:
  - Eternal
  - From God
  - o Real

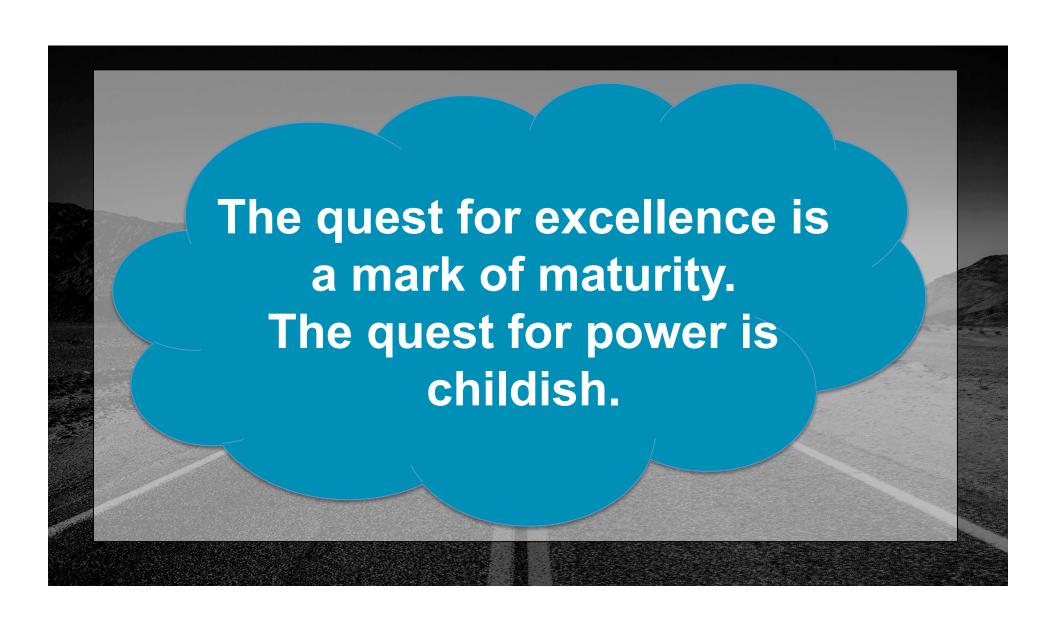


### When there is no peace in a person's heart... There will be no peace in the world and no peace between people.





We should be reminded that there is a difference between passion for excellence and a passion for power.







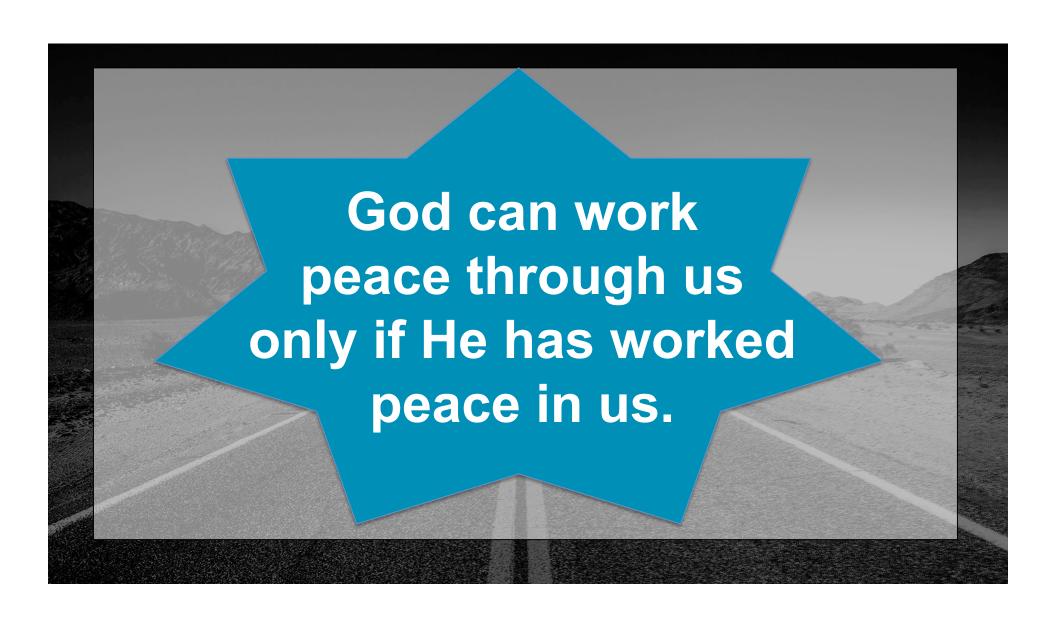
- I. The meaning of peace
  - A. It does not mean...
  - B. Peace means...
    - God's life principles present in people producing right relationships.
    - 2. Peace never evades real issues.

- 3. Peace comes:
  - When truth is known
  - Issues are settled
  - People embrace each other.
     John 8:32

Seeking peace may involve pain, struggle, risk plus swallowing pride.

- II. The menace of peace
  - What hinders peace?
  - SIN!
    - Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is sick…
    - Isaiah 48:22 There is no peace for the wicked.

- II. The menace of peace
  - So what is the preparation for a peacemaker?
    - The first six Be-Attitudes are the preparation for a peacemaker.
  - Who is the greatest peacemaker?
    - O JESUS!!!



- III. The maker of peace
  - God is the source of peace!
  - Jesus is God's answer for our peace!
  - The Holy Spirit is the agency of God's peace!
    - o Galatians 5:22
  - God does not want wars or conflict
    - Jeremiah 29:11

Galatians 5:22

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and selfcontrol.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

- IV. The messenger of peace
  - We are to be God's peace corp…
    - II Corinthians 5:18-20
    - o Proverbs 14:1, 15:1, 16:24, 15:18, 16:32
  - What do we do as peacemakers?
    - A. Make peace with God yourself.
    - B. Help others make peace with God.

- C. Make peace with your family and friends (Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 12:18)
- D. Be bold and firmly confront friends when relationships are not right or they are making a mess of their life.

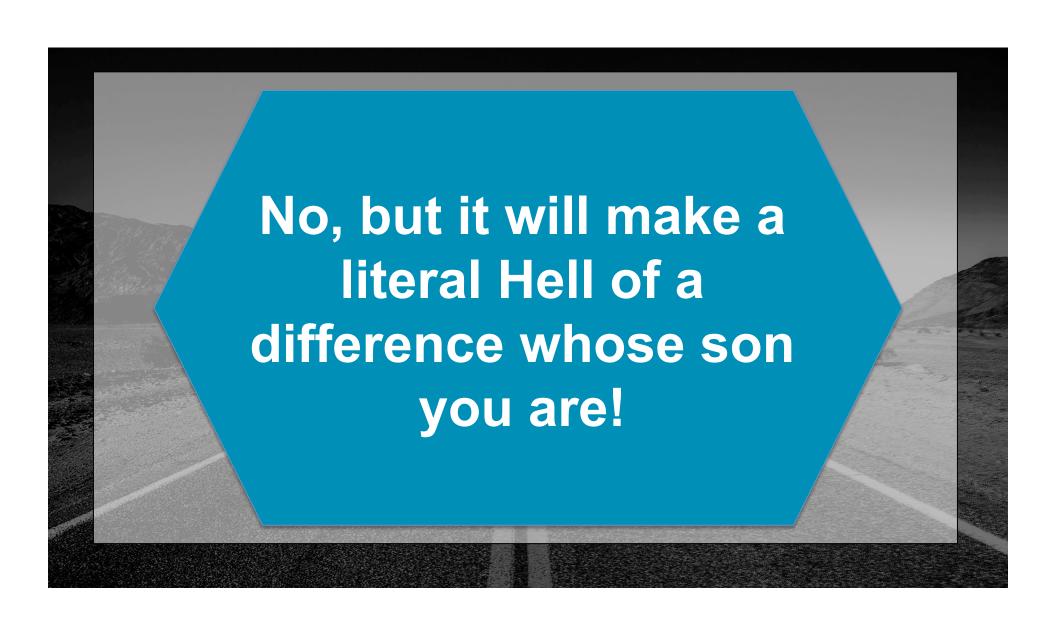
Be a peacemaker even though it may be painful.

- Action
  - O Do you have peace with God?
  - Who could you help find peace with God?
  - Do you need to:
    - ✓ Make an apology?
    - ✓ Deal with an issue?
    - ✓ Give forgiveness?
    - ✓ Swallow your pride?
    - ✓ Give up your demands?

- V. The merit of peace
  - "For they will be called Sons of God…"

Would you rather be king of the mountain for a day or a Son of God for eternity?







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