

I Timothy 6:3-14

“Life at Peace”



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**Could it be that Peace comes
through kindness,
through generosity,
through inner change,
through trying new,
rather than protecting the past.**



Repentance: Change how we think.



³ If anyone teaches anything different and doesn't agree with sound teaching about our **Lord Jesus Christ** and teaching that is consistent with **godliness**,
⁴ *that person* is conceited.

They don't understand anything but have a sick obsession with debates and arguments. This creates jealousy, conflict, verbal abuse, and evil suspicions.

⁵ There is constant bickering between people whose minds are ruined and who have been robbed of the truth. They think that godliness is a way to make money!

Beware **of well-meaning arguments.** *The more righteous than you sort of discussion.*

How to be a follower.
Who can be a follower.
Rules of a follower.
Who leads the follower.
What a follower must believe.
What is right and wrong.
Who is right, who is wrong.

Has society influenced the church
or has the church influenced society with its quarrelsomeness?



**The first description of
Christ Followers
was people of
“The Way”.**

The “Way” of the Rabbi.
Imitate the “Way” of the Rabbi.
Act like the “Way” of the Rabbi.
Think like the “Way” of the Rabbi.

Resemble the Rabbi

**Spiritual Maturity is getting to
know the personality of the
God who said the words.**



The “Words” of the Rabbi were
presented along with a life example.
The two were not to be separated.

⁶ Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have.

⁷ We didn't bring anything into the world and so we can't take anything out of it:

⁸ we'll be happy with food and clothing.



⁹ But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation.

They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰ The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

Beware

of holding on to tightly.

The “it’s mine” discussion.

How we have done things before.

Remember who gave...

Remember who did...

We used to....

We have always been.

We want others to live in our past.

We fail to notice our broken things/life.

Has society influenced the church

or has the church influenced society with its

relationship with the past?



**The characteristic of
Christ Followers
was
“Letting Go”.**

Letting go of the “**Tradition**”

Letting go of a “**Good Past**”

Let go of to be “**Empty**” before God.

Let go of **faith, family, & form.**

Resemble the Rabbi

**Spiritual Maturity is letting go of
what is not “Christ Like”
in our attitudes.**



The “**Way**” of the Rabbi was leaving the old to create the new.

The former only lived in the new.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God,
run away from all these things.

Instead, **pursue righteousness, holy living,
faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness.**

¹² Compete in the good fight of faith.

Grab hold of eternal life—you were called to it,
and you made a good confession of it
in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³ I command you in the presence of God,
who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus,
who made the good confession
when testifying before Pontius Pilate.

¹⁴ Obey this order without fault or failure
until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.



PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS

Beware

Of living to far from the Spirit.

The “God has to understand” discussion.

I just don't like.
I just can't forgive.
I won't....
That's not going to happen.
I telling you...
Well, I never...
I'm not like...



Has society influenced the church
or has the church influenced society with its negative attitude?

An early distinction of Christ Followers was “**Loving**”.

Loving & accepting all Gods creation.

Loving as if God were loving through us.

Loving as if God were totally in others.

Loving as if salvation depended on it.

Resemble the Rabbi

Spiritual Maturity is seeking out
difference & newness simply for the
opportunity to Love in a new way.



The “love” of the Rabbi was offered to
a wide variety of people.

People were not to be separated.

“God measures our entire existence by only two things:

how we love God and *how we love people.*”



“...when the exhaustive exegesis of God's Word doesn't create *people transformed into the image of Jesus*, we have missed the forest for the trees.”

The way we treat others should lead them to only one conclusion: *“If this is how Jesus loves, then I'm in.”*

What if salvation depended on living out these Two Greatest Commandments?