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Bible Verses About Peace, Principle #1:

## **Peace is a product of God design.**

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ — 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV).

Peace, like creation is not an accident. It is not a condition invented by psychology. God designed it, understands it, and gives it to those he calls.

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Bible Verses About Peace, Principle #2:

## **Peace comes from knowing Jesus and is not linked to external circumstances.**

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross — Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV).

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV).

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Bible Verses About Peace, Principle #3:

## **Peace is a vital part of our relationship with the Holy Spirit.**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. — Galatians 5:22

**Peace** is listed in the top three characteristics of the fruit of the spirit. Without love, joy, and peace, there is little hope of accomplishing forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, or self-control. All of those characteristics are predicated on the love, joy, and peace of God.

The Psalmist agrees: “Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other” — Psalms 85:10 (NIV).

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## Principles of Peace

Bible Verses About Peace, Principle #4:

### **Peace is not ours to keep, but ours to share.**

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God—  
Matthew 5:9 (NIV).*

The peace of God must be evident in us. Others need to see what we have and desire to have it. Then we must be peacemakers, able to share the love of God with a troubled world. Jesus follows with this statement: “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” — Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV).

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Bible Verses About Peace, Principle #5:

### **Peace is not determined by possessions, or circumstances.**

The pursuit of peace is more important than the pursuit of possessions, money, or fame. Peace is not determined by where we live, or how much we own. Paul in Philippians 4 amplifies this statement, when he spoke of being wealthy, as well as being poor. He knew what it meant have it all, and to have nothing. In all of those things, he states:

*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—  
put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you...I have learned  
the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or  
hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who  
gives me strength. — Philippians 4:9,12-13 (NIV).*

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Bible Verses About Peace, Principle #6:

### **God’s Peace is to be sought above all other possessions.**

*So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of  
one another.— Romans 14:19 (NIV)*

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Bible Verses About Peace, Principle #7:

### **If you want to be blessed, become a peacemaker.**

*Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness —  
James 3:18(NIV).*