

The Virtues of Life

There are many virtues of life that go hand in hand. A few are peace, patience, passion, and obedience. The world would be a better place if we all followed these. We should try to be a good example.

First of all, we should exercise peace. Arguing and fighting will get us nowhere. James 3:18 says, "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." This means that there could be peace only if we make it. We should not live only for fights and drama. When we watch the news, we will hear many bad things that have happened. It is a result of lack of peace. More peace means less trouble.

Next, there is patience. We have heard the saying "Good things come to those who wait." This is true. If we take the time to listen, we will have friends who will listen to us. Patience can help peace come. Art, music, or any type of skill takes time. We will learn that waiting can be rewarding, such as friendship, trustworthiness, or even a good grade.

Another is passion. Love comes hand in hand as well. John 15:9 says, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue in My love." To have a friend we must be a friend. Friends cannot be spiteful to each other. If we are, we will not have peace. The Bible verse above says to continue in Jesus's love. We should take the time to be kind today.

Finally, there is obedience. Our parents tell us things because they love us, and the least we can do is obey. God tells us to do things, too. Numbers 32:23 says, "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sins will

find you out.” He was basically saying if we do not obey, even when we think no one is looking, people will find out what we have done. God knows everything. Obedience is a VERY important virtue. It leads to many good things.

This is how it comes together. The people with passion tell us what to do so we can have peace. Peace takes patience, but it will not work without obedience. There are many other virtues of life, but I can only cover so many. Reading the Bible will help us discover many more. I am challenging us to exercise these things. Not just reading, but following the word of God, will help us find inner peace. Bible time should not be a chore. God wants us to have a passion for Him, as He does for us. These things will not come immediately, for it takes time and patience. We may even find some of our own virtues. We should make sure to stay on the path of obedience, and keep our virtues.

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