

# ENEMIES OF PEACE

## Fruit of the Spirit Part 2

### **Isaiah 9:6–7 NKJV**

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,

### **1. GOVERNMENT OF PEACE**

#### **Colossians 1:19–20 NKJV**

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

There is no other peace available other than through the cross.

### **Isaiah 48:17–18 NKJV**

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go. 18 Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

### **John 10:7–10 NKJV**

Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

### **Isaiah 57:19–21 NKJV**

I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,” Says the Lord, “And I will heal him.” 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.”

### **2. CONFLICT WITH OTHERS**

#### **John 15:12–13 NKJV**

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

True peace comes when the two opponents reconcile with each other, removing the opposition and enmity in their hearts.

### **3. CONFLICT WITH THOUGHTS**

Many wonder what they can do to change the feelings of anxiety and they feel when they come under pressure. One of the first steps is to recognize anxiety for what it is, the opposite of peace. It is the fan that flames the fires of doubt and confusion and has the ability to leave us helplessly bundled up in worry and fear. When we cave in to thoughts of anxiety, we lose our spiritual focus and mindset. The key to overcoming anxiety is found only in the presence of God.

### **1 Peter 5:7 NKJV**

casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

### **2 Corinthians 10:3–6 NKJV**

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

### **Philippians 4:6–7 AMPC**

Do not fret *or* have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance *and* in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

7 And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison *and* mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Tell Him all you are feeling, He understands and knows that life can be difficult—but He has a solution. Our peace resides in our Savior.

## **4. CONFLICT WITH THE PAST**

### **Philippians 3:13–14 NKJV**

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **5. COMPARISON WITH OTHERS**

“Comparison is the thief of joy.” “Don’t compare yourself to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.” “A flower does not think of competing to the flower next to it. It just blooms.”

-Theodore Roosevelt

### **Psalms 139:14–17 NIV**

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God!

How vast is the sum of them!

## **6. WHAT OTHERS THINK**

### **Proverbs 29:25 NKJV**

The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

### **John 12:42–43 NKJV**

Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

### **Philippians 4:8–9 NKJV**

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.