

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

**Galatians 6:2**

## Store In My Heart

### Hebrews 13:5-6

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?"

Strength to endure is ours when we put our trust in God. Though men may oppress and persecute, we know that God has provided what is necessary to endure. No matter our station in life we can know that our Father is with us and will provide. There is no need for the Christian to seek after the fleeting wealth of this world for our Father owns all and our focus and trust in Him and his Way will bring us through this world. We may even lose our physical life but True Life is in God and our reward will be ready for us when our time here over.



# Follow Things That Make For Peace

## Roger Shouse

The dog that growls and shows his teeth while wagging his tail is lying at one end. Similarly, a Christian that is mean toward others while claiming to represent Christ is inconsistent. Twice in Romans, the apostle Paul directed the brethren to live in peace. He said: "*So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another*" (**Romans 14:19**) and, "*If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men*" (**Romans 12:18**). How then do you make peace? First, it is not by giving in to the ideas and opinions of everyone else. Tolerance and compromise are the gospels of Satan, not the message of Christ. So while standing fast upon the Word of God, how does a Christian make peace?

### **Not being hostile in attitude and tone of voice:**

Some things are never heard simply because of the way they are delivered. The force of an argument is not in the thunder of the voice, but in the power of God's Word.

### **Creating an atmosphere that welcomes and invites:**

Differences can be discussed in an encouraging manner. It is amazing how many conversations Jesus had with people who disagreed with Him. His compassion invited a spirit of discussion, listening and learning.

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## For Our Information

Annette Gray has covid and is dealing with severe pain. An appointment with the cardiologist is set for Monday. They are all in quarantine.

Paula Laubach is waiting on results from her recent heart monitor tests.

Carol Thornhill is in a group home for hospice care due to her diverticulitis.

Tonight we start in 2Kings 9:14

Wednesday we will start in Hebrews 6:4.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

## Teaching the Word and not your opinions:

Some don't know the difference. The gospel unites people together with God. Opinions divide and separate. We all have our opinions. The more we stress them, the more likely we fuss and fight.

## Loving the Lord more than yourself:

God wants His people to get along. Paul taught us to be "*diligent to preserve the unity*" (**Ephesians 4:1**). Division is easy. Unity is hard. Selfishness and pride are the roadways that lead to division. Denying self is the mark of a disciple of Jesus.

(In considering the four things listed by brother Shouse, I noticed a common idea that may not be evident at first glance. Each of the instructions given here deal with thinking of others rather than self and when I look back at Paul's writing in Romans 12 that seems to be a common thread. Much of the difficulties I have experienced could have probably been solved or at least made easier if those involved, including me, had given more thought to the others involved.

I often reference situations like checkout lines, highway driving, etc. so think of that kind of example for a moment. If you notice the person holding up the line is a mother trying to get groceries while keeping three kids under the age of 5 close to her, yet out of things on the shelves around them, does it affect your attitude toward the delay? I am confident that most of us are willing to "make allowances" in such a situation, unless we are totally focused on our own responsibilities or desires. While focus on my schedule might cause me to get irritable and complain about the delay, giving attention to her struggle can help curb those feelings.

What if I were to apply that same idea to every difficulty I encounter? Instead of keeping my focus on me, I need to consider the others who may be involved. Even correcting a brother or sister regarding sin can benefit from remembering they have fallen and need help. I might even remember that I have been a similar situation before and thus approach them from a standpoint of love rather than disappointment or disdain. DLH)



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