

# KSI Q & A

## *Where's the Peace?*

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**Question:** *How do you find peace in all this chaos? You, and others, put links up to warn and educate Christians about what is going on; but this is really depressing. Where is the peace?*

**Answer:** Your peace is in Christ, and Scripture tells us so. Let's start there...

### **1. Enjoy your life and your blessings. Read all of Ecclesiastes 2 for context.**

- Ecclesiastes 2:24 - *Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.*

### **2. Fear God and keep His Commandments. Read all of Ecclesiastes 12 for context.**

- Ecclesiastes 12:10-14 - *The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright-words of truth. The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd. And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.*

### **3. Be content with your life and your circumstances. That doesn't mean that you don't continue to grow—whether spiritually, financially, educationally etc. It means “stay in the moment.” Do what you can with what you have right now. Hope for continued blessing and provision; but be content and thankful for your current blessings. Things could be much worse. The year 2020 has taught us that!**

- **Philippians 4:11-13:** *Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

### **4. Love the Brethren! This doesn't mean you hate anyone else. It means we are to take care of each other in the Body of Christ and love each other as Christ loves us:**

- Ephesians 6:23 - *Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 1Peter 1:22 - *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,*
- 1John 3:14 - *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.*
- 1John 3:16 - *By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

### **5. Don't fear death or what man can do to you.**

- Psalm 118:6 - *The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*
- Proverbs 29:25 - *The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.*
- 2Corinthians 5:6 - *So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.*
- 2Corinthians 5:8 - *We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

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**6. Remember that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood. This one is very important, because it will help you to keep perspective. We know this, but we don't apply it to the events going on around us. We blame "people."**

- Ephesians 6:12 - For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**7. Don't trust in your earthly possessions.**

- Matthew 6:19-21: *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*
- 1Timothy 6:17: *Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.*
- Luke 12:16-21: *Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."*

**8. This one is tough. Remember that you are sojourners here on Earth. This world is not your home. If the things on this Earth are not going our way; it's not our worry. We can be concerned and do what part we can as sojourners, but don't worry or be alarmed by what man does. It is what the Lord is doing, that we should be concerned about.**

- 2Peter 2:11-17 - *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore, submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-- as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.*
- Romans 13:1-5 - *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore, you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.*
- Titus 3:1-3 - *Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.*

**9. Finally! Read Psalm 91. It's too long to put here, so get your Bible out and be blessed!**

It's all vanity, if you try to chase after the wind, and keep up with the Jones'. Enjoy the blessings that God has given you. Don't let your heart grow cold because of the lawlessness. Love the brethren, fear the Lord, and keep His commandments. That is where you will find peace!